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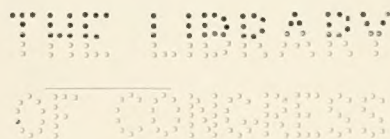
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## VON DER SLOOT

### FAMILY

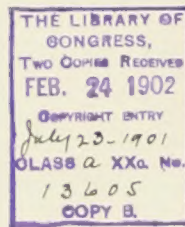
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A COMPREHENSIVE RECORD OF GENEALOGICAL DATA AND BIOGRAPHICAL  
AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION, CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED, OF  
MEMBERS OF THE VANDERSLOOT FAMILY; PROPERLY  
AUTHENTICATED, AND COMPILED  
WITH UTMOST CARE



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*Very truly,  
Lewis Sandersloot.*



To the Memory  
of an  
Honorable and Christian Ancestry  
this Volume  
is Reverently Dedicated

People will not look forward to a better  
world unless they look back to their ancestors. *Burke.*

## *Introduction*

It is hoped that this History and Genealogy, which has been prepared in a careful and conscientious manner from permanent records and reliable sources, disclaiming all pretensions to literary merit, may be received by the author's relatives and friends in the true spirit which prompted its compilation—love.

The Vandersloot family has been eminently a ministerial people. A tradition exists among us, to the effect that our family's remarkable record of ministerial service had its inception about the year 1580. At this time the writer is able to verify this claim only in part, or from about the year 1666 to date, 1901—a period of 235 years—during which time the ministerial mantle has fallen successively, in a continuous and unbroken line, from the shoulders of father to son; although in that time two generations elapsed with but one son in the family, who entered the ministry.

From a knowledge of the character and reputation of the Vandersloot ancestors, obtained in boyhood while listening to frequent conversations between his relatives and old friends and acquaintances of the family as he found them seated before the bright fire during the evening hours in winter, or, perchance, on a pleasant day in summer, on the veranda or lawn, at the old homestead, there sprung up early in the heart of the writer a profound respect and veneration for the memory of his forefathers; and he recalls, with pleasure, many stories and anecdotes related of them which, in part, portrayed to his youthful mind something of their sterling character and worth; and now, viewed in the light of later days, advancing years have added new lustre to the honorable records which they left as a heritage for their posterity.

It was a sense of duty and a veneration for the memories of his progenitors, rather than any desire to become conspicuous, which actuated the writer to prepare, and include in this volume, a permanent record of the activities, achievements, godly examples and various experiences in the lives of noble men and women, whom we are pleased to call our ancestors; and not alone of them, but to embrace, also, sketches or biographies of many relatives of the present day; and say of all, unto the living, "If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

Particularly to the present, or younger, generation of our kin, who should be familiar with the history of their ancestors and be informed also as to who their relatives are and where they reside, a publication such as this would seem to be desirable and interesting; it being intended also to assist to a more hearty and generous intercourse among themselves; and calculated to instill into the minds of the young, love and reverence, encourage acquaintance, urge reciprocal affection and kindly consideration for each other, and thus have them cherish through life pleasant and sacred memories of both the living and the dead.

This being the first attempt by any one at the compilation of a history and genealogy of the Vandersloot family, the writer has recognized the importance of making it as complete as possible and attaining the utmost accuracy; and, with these objects in view, has labored diligently since its inception, in June, 1900, examining records, conducting correspondence, collecting data and information and arranging same for publication. Partiality or prejudice has been avoided; all subject matter has been treated carefully and conscientiously; and the writer has endeavored to be liberal, yet truthful. The orthography and language used in records a century or more old, herein presented, are



carefully followed ; likewise, quotations from letters of explanation and information are frequently given as written ; and while, in consequence, portions may appear perhaps somewhat odd, yet they are intelligible, and a certain beauty and attractiveness in their original style and genuine simplicity are thereby preserved.

Nearly all German records and correspondence received were written in the German language, which required translations. The services of a Professor of German, of recognized ability, were secured for this purpose, and his careful translations are given verbatim et literatim.

The author's acknowledgements are due to so many kind friends for assistance rendered in the production of this volume, that it would manifestly be unjust to name a few and not all. The several and necessary credits, however, are accorded at the proper places. In his endeavors to obtain, from both stranger and relative, biographical information and necessary particulars, known in many cases to but a few, he has been favored uniformly with prompt responses and willing compliance with requests, which are much appreciated.

It is hoped that this volume may be a benefit to many ; that it may recall pleasant recollections of the past ; assist some to the contemplation of nobler sentiments and their elevation to a plane of greater usefulness ; the fostering of a deeper and more general interest for the preservation of our family history ; the promotion of closer and dearer fellowship among ourselves, and, especially, a determination on the part of all of us to emulate the virtues and revere the memory of our worthy ancestors.

THE AUTHOR.

Harrisburg, Pa., December, 1901.



## von der Slood; Its Derivation and Signification

It is distinctly German, and in order to retain its German individuality should be so written. Dr. Richard Seibert, Keeper of the Town Archives at Zerbst, Germany, is authority for the following concerning the meaning of the name :

" The name von der Slood, I derive from *slood* (Hollandish), a division ditch ; in German, a small ditch."

Inquiry among other German scholars elicits this information : Slood means a ditch or trench ; a line of demarcation ; a division line enclosing or surrounding something. *von* means *of* or *from* ; and *der* means *the*.

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The earliest mention of the name occurs in connection with the marriage, in 1695, at Barby, Germany, of Rev. Friederich von der Schloth to Miss Marie Judith Braun.

From 1695 until about the year 1750 the name was spelled, variously, von der Schloth, von der Schlots, von der Schlot, von der Schlott, von der Schloot and von der Slood. Beginning about 1750 we find it being spelled in the records, very generally, van der Slood. This mode of spelling continued until about the year 1831, after which time the name began to be written, as now, Vanderslood.

FRIEDRICH, Friederich, Frederick, peaceable, peaceful, abounding in peace ; German, *Friede*, peace, *reich* rich, abundant, or abounding in.

WILHELM, William ; a defender of many, a potent shield, a strong protector.

Names are frequently significant. Some received the name from the circumstances attending the birth, or from some peculiarity in the history of the family to which he belonged, and sometimes the name had a prophetic meaning.

Since Christianity has obtained, most nations have followed the Jews, baptizing and giving names on the eighth day after birth, though this is far from being a uniform practice. Among the Germans, occasionally the child is baptized on the day, or a few days after birth—generally on the first Lord's day after birth.

The Germans always retained many of the names in vogue prior to the Christian era, and until their conversion to Christianity, which was, in part, as early as the second century, and more general in the eighth century, after which scripture names were introduced, such as John, Abraham, Joseph, Michael, etc. John seems to be a favorite name with the Germans.

Those who care not about their earthly origin care little as to anything higher.

Authentic information and well-ascertained facts and data, as have come into the possession of the writer, regarding the history and genealogy of the Vandersloot ancestors, and relatives of the present day, are herewith presented in chronological order.

REV. FRIEDERICH von der Schloth married, at Barby, on the Elbe River, Germany, in 1695, Miss Marië Judith Braun.

Miss Braun was born August, 1667.

He is also spoken of in the records as having been "first Valet to His Serene Highness at Saxo-Barby."

The following are the names of their children, with the dates of birth :

Sept. 21, 1696—Heinrich Albert.

July 20, 1698—John Ludwig.

May 25, 1701—Friedrich Marius.

March —, 1703—FRIEDRICH HEINRICH (Rev.); died in Zerbst, Nov. 30, 1751.

Feb'y 21, 1705—Louisa Friederike Marie.

Sept. 30, 1707—August.

Oct. 21, 1709—Henriette Albertine Sophie ; died at Barby, June 15, 1716.

In a letter from Diaconus M. Reichmann, of Zerbst, dated Sept. 27, 1901, I quote the following :  
" It will interest you, that the mother of your grand-father Rev. Friederich Heinrich von der Slood has the maiden name Braun (in). (The *in* at the end means : Braun—wife. The male part of the family was called at that time Braun, the female Braunin). He has made notices in the parish-register of Aken on the Elbe, where he was third pastor of the Reformed congregation in the time from 30th November, 1725, until the end of March, 1743. But there is only one notice about his own family. This :

" 'The 6th April, 1742, my dearest mother Marie Judith von der Slood, born Braunin from the Pfalz (this is part of the kingdom Bavaria on the river Rhine), has died in the Lord, soft and blessed, by apoplexy. In the evening of the eleventh between 6 and 7 o'clock in the twilight she has been buried with ringing of all bells, having brought her life blessed in God, on 74 years 8 month.' "







Church of St. Nikolai, Zerbst, Germany. The Altar.

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1703-1751.

REV. FRIEDERICH HEINRICH von der Schlots, son of Rev. Friederich von der Schloth, was born at Zerbst, Germany, March, 1703.

He married, at Zerbst, August 20, 1743 (after the death of his father) Miss Sophia Wilhelmine von Boller, "the lawful maiden daughter by his first marriage, of the Right Noble Mr. Emmanuel Wilhelm von Boller, Honorable Treasurer of the Council, Senator, and Doctor of Medicine at Zerbst."

He was pastor of the Church of St. Nikolai (Reformed), in Zerbst, from April 22, 1743, to November 30, 1751, according to an official publication of the history of this church, issued in 1894.

He died, in Zerbst, November 30, 1751, at 5 P. M., and was buried on the 5th of December.

The beginning of the history of the Church of St. Nikolai dates about 1160. The foundations of the tower are possibly as old as the 11th century. The erection of the church edifice was begun before the year 1432, and finished in 1488. In 1746 there were 3329 communicants, the second largest number on record since 1624.

Through the kindness of M. Reichmann, of Zerbst, author and publisher of a work entitled, "The Church and Congregation of St. Nikolai in Zerbst" (a copy of which I possess), I am able to present herein photographs of the church in which Rev. von der Schlots preached more than a century and a half ago.

Mr. Reichmann also secured for me the following valuable and interesting transcript of official records relating to this ancestor :

"Friedrich Heinrich van der Sloot, having been previously 19 years minister at Aken on the Elbe (two hours distant from Zerbst, in the Prussian Province of Saxony) was introduced the 22nd of April, 1743, in Zerbst. Two members of the Council and the two deacons (curates), Wiskot and Haupt, went to meet him at Stentz (a small village on this side of the Elbe). Six days later he delivered his first sermon over the text Epistle to the Hebrews, XIII v. 17. The assembly was as numerous as 'within the memory of man' was not seen. The sovereign Prince Johann Ludwig and his brother, Prince Christian August, attended on his sermon what never had been happened since the Evangelical Church of Zerbst had been divided. The principality of Anhalt-Zerbst and two churches of the town were Lutheran, but the St. Nicolaus parish was Reformed. When the Prince Christian August had died in the year 1747, several mourning services were held, and the sermon of Rev. Friedrich Heinrich van der Sloot has been printed (but I have never seen it)." He also says : "In the parish register the name van der Sloot is always written : von der Schlott or Schloot."

To Mr. Reichmann I am also indebted for the following genealogical record of Rev. von der Sloot's wife, whose maiden name, as above given, was Miss Sophia Wilhelmine von Boller :

# VALENTINUS JUNGERMANN

## DOMINIKUS JUNGERMANN

|  |                                      |   |   |  |              |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|--------------|
| 1. Bartholomäus Jungermann                                 | 2. Valentin                          | 3. Caspar   | 4. Moritz                               | 5. Barbara                               | 6. Margarete |
| Lutheran Minister in<br>the House of the<br>Children Mary. | Married with Edise<br>both Brethren. | Professor of Theology<br>at the University of<br>Leipzig. |   | Married with Elisabeth<br>Händler Händel |              |
|  |                                      | 1. Caspar   | 2. Christina                            | 3. Tobias                                |              |
|  |                                      |   | Was married with<br>Johann Kuschewetter |  |              |
|  |                                      | 1. Balthasar  | 2. Tobias                               | 3. Balthasar Johann                      |              |
|  |                                      | Married with Sibella<br>Sommer.                           |   |  |              |

1. Anna. 2. Balthasar. 3. Catharina.

Married 1. with Bidermann.

2. with Paulus Hartmann.

Their children:

1. Anna Catharina. 2. Christian Friedrich. 3. Sophia Elisabetha. 4. Gottfried.

Married with Gottfried

Hoffmann, Judge at

Zerbst.

1. Euphrosina Ludmilla. 2. Johann Conrad. 3. Christian Gottlieb. 4. Martin Gottfried. 5. Dorothee Sophie. 6. Anna Caritas.

Married with Aepelinus

at Zerbst.

1. Johann Gottlieb. 2. Gottfried Friedrich. 3. Anna Sophie.

Married with Emanuel

Wilhelm von Boller, Dr.

Medicine.

1. SOPHIE WILHELMINE. 2. Emanuel Wilhelm. 3. August Ernst.

Married with FRIEDRICH HEINRICH VON

DER SLOOT, Vicar at St. Nicolaus in Zerbst.

died 30th November 1751, 5 p. m., buried 5th

December.

\*Lived at Zerbst, Germany, about the year 1520.

1. FRIEDRICH WILHELM, born 27th Sept. 1714.



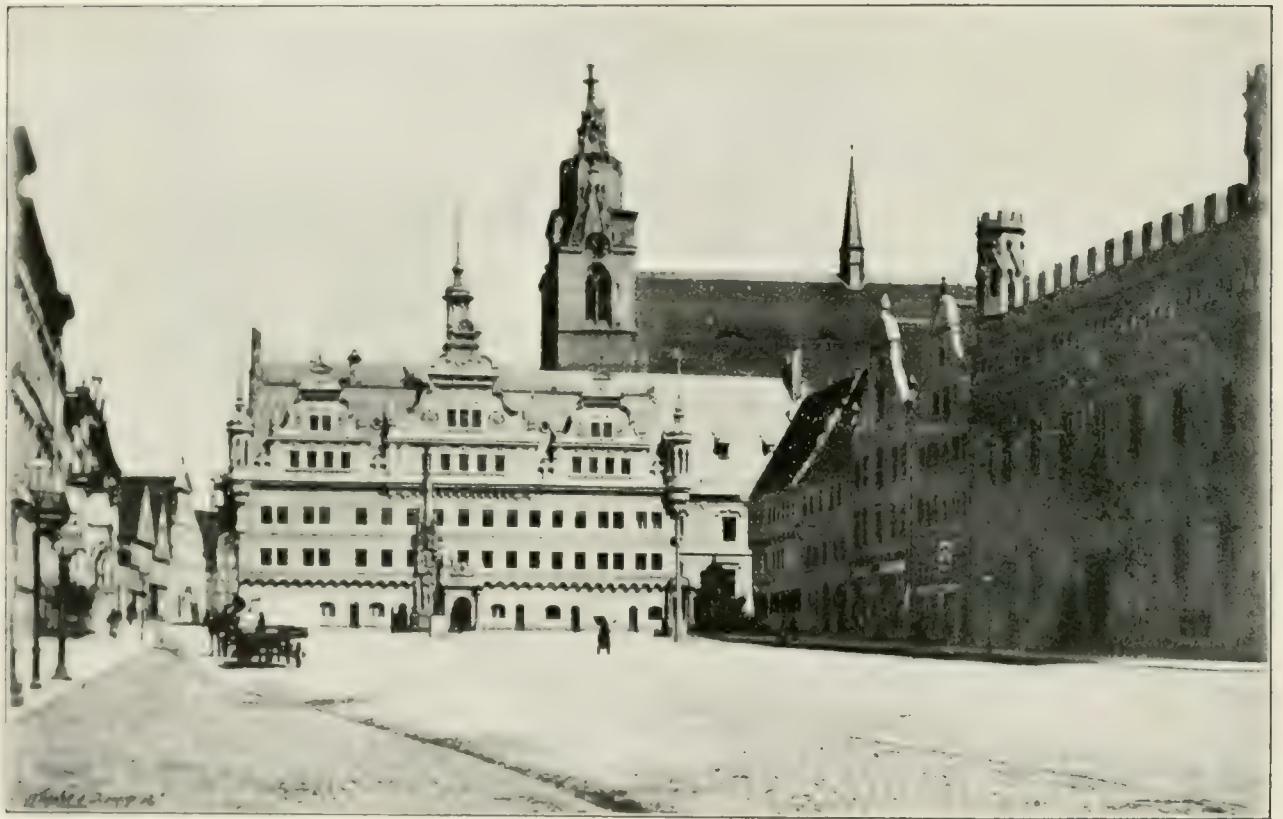
From a letter, under date Zerbst, August 28, 1900, from Dr. Richard Siebert, Keeper of the Town Archives, I make the following quotation :

"DEAR SIR, etc. In answering your favor of the first of August, this year, I humbly honor myself to inform you that after zealous search in the Archives of this town only a series of the pastor's receipts for tribute (rent or interest) at the Church of St. Nikolai, Friedrich Heinrich von der Slood of the years of 1743-1750, and two receipts of Mrs. Wilhelmine Sophie von der Slood over her son's signature, Friedrich Wilhelm von der Slood of the Prince Wolfgeng, charitable institution, her stipend quota, of the years 1763 and 1764 were found."

"But while the archives are not yet set in order in all its parts, I shall keep in view the matter, and in the event of finding other information, I shall be glad to send it."



M. Reichmann kindly furnished the author the above photograph, with the following information, dated Zerbst, October 25, 1901 : "It will interest you to have a view of the house wherein your grandfather, Rev. F. H. von der Slood, lived about eight years. The house is two hundred years or more old, and will be torn down next year to give place for a new building. The church is situated just opposite, on the other side of the children's pleasure-ground."



The Market Place and the Government Building, with the Church of St. Nikolai in Background, Zerbst, Germany.

Source: M. P. ... Zerbst.



Church of St. Nikolai, Zerbst, Germany. THE BURIAL OF CHRIST, in Gypsum Relief in the Chancel.

Courtesy of M. Reichmann, Zerbst).



1744-1803.

REV. PHILIPP WILHELM FRIEDRICH van der Sloom, Reformed minister, pastor of Zornitz, Poetnitz, Dellnau, Scholitz and Nouendorf, also Conrectors of the Latin school of Dessau, and Professor of Philology in the Joachimsthalischen Gymnasia zu Berlin.

He was born in Zerbst, September 27, 1744, and was baptized by his father, his god-fathers and god-mother being

1. Emanuel Wilhelm von Boller, Doctor of Medicine at Zerbst. (His maternal grandfather.)
2. Heinrich Albert van der Sloom, Vicar at Boxam, Ostfriesland. (His uncle.)
3. Anna Sophie van der Sloom, whose husband was Surgeon-Major in the Prussian Cavalry. (Evidently an aunt by marriage.)

He was the only son of his father (Rev. Friederich Heinrich von der Schlots), and the first progenitor, in Pennsylvania, of the Vandersloom family.

May 5, 1772, he married, in Germany, Miss Louisa Henrietta, the youngest daughter of Right Reverend Professor Schultz, Professor of Philology in Joachimsthalischen Gymnasia zu Berlin.

He was a missionary agent to this country, of a German Reformed Convention in Prussia, and arrived in Pennsylvania in 1779 or 1780, leaving wife and family (one son at least, Rev. Friedrich Wilhelm van der Sloom,) in Germany. His first field lay in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa., which became later known as the "Dry Land Charge." From 1784 to 1786 he served as German Reformed pastor of the Goschenhoppen Church, in Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. His first wife having died, he married, Jan. 29, 1784, Miss Anna Margareta, eldest daughter of Jacob Reed, Esq., of Hatfield Township, Montgomery County. He returned to Northampton County, where he died in 1803, and is buried at Goschenhoppen Church.

Goschenhoppen Church is situated in the north-western part of Montgomery county. From its elevated location a delightful view is had. Before ones vision, far and near, there spread out in all directions, vast areas of cultivated and virgin forest land; while in the valley the waters of the Perkio-men creek rush wildly in and out among the hills on its winding course to the Schuylkill.



Goschenhoppen Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Forty-eight acres, all contiguous, now constitute church property, some of which is cultivated, although the larger portion is woodland.

The church is a substantial one-story building, with steeple; is heated by furnace; has a gallery around the three sides; is provided with a pipe organ; and has a seating capacity of about 800. A union Sunday School meets regularly; and the Reformed and Lutherans conduct their services on alternate Sabbaths, as of yore.

A tablet, set high up upon the outside of the church, contains this inscription:

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| OLD GOSHENHOPPEN           |
| LUTHERAN & G. REFORMED     |
| BUILT 1744 & REBUILT 1858. |

Upon one of the oldest tombstones in the cemetery, just adjoining, we read: "Died 1720."

1773-1831.

REV. FRIEDRICH WILHELM van der Sloom, Reformed minister, the only son of his father, was born in Dessau, Germany, "early at one o'clock, Monday morning, the 15th of November, 1773, and was baptized in the house on the same day." He died in Paradise Township, York County, Pa., December 14, 1831.

(Translation)

Honored Sir :

In reply to your inquiry we inform you that we have not been able to establish anything further than what is set forth in the certificate of birth now before us. Descendants or relatives or persons of like name are not found here in Dessau any more. For the certificate we have expended \* \* \* for fees and 50 pf. for postage, which we request you to send us.

Humbly

Dessau (Herzogtum Anhalt Deutschland)

August 20, 1900.

The Magistrate.

DR. EBELING,

Chief Burgomaster.

[ S E A L ]

To

Mr. Lewis Vandersloot,  
Harrisburg, U. S. A. Pennsylvania.

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(Translation)

#### ABSTRACT FROM THE BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL REGISTER.

Philipp Wilhelm Friedrich van der Sloom, Mr. Friedrich Wilhelm van der Sloom, appointed Connectors of the Latin school of this place, and his wife, a born Schultz, a young son was born, early at one o'clock, Monday morning, the 15th\* of November, 1773, and was baptized in the house on the same day.

The sponsors were :

1. Mr. Hoffmeyer, Archdeacon.
2. Mistress Streubers, wife of Mr. Streubers, Accies Rats (Excise Officer).
3. Mistress Schickendantzs, Rektor.

This information, based on the Birth and Baptismal Register of St. Georg, is hereby officially confirmed.

Dessau the 17th of August, 1900.

Evangelical Pastorate at St. Georg.

[ S E A L ] Grape.

PASCHASIUS, Kustos.

He graduated in German, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, etc., at the University of Leipsig, and emigrated to America in 1801. He landed at Charleston, S. C., but immediately pursued his journey to Philadelphia. From thence he made his way in a "market wagon" to "Dry Land," in Northampton County, Pa., where he found his father engaged in ministering to thirteen congregations, and preaching on three days each week, namely, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. He was licensed to preach the gospel at a meeting of the Synod in Philadelphia on May 18, 1802, and ordained to the Christian ministry in 1803.

#### MINUTES OF SYNOD.

1802 Session I 55.

A communication was received from the congregations in Allen, Moore, Lehigh and Hanover Townships (Northampton County, Pa.), asking Synod to hold a tentamen with young Mr. Van der Sloom and to place him in a position to serve them as their pastor.

RESOLVED, that a committee of five be appointed to hold a tentamen (examination) with him.

The following persons constituted the committee : Messrs. Hendel, Wagner, Mack, Sr., Runkel and Mack, Jr.

\*This is perhaps an error, as all our American records say Nov. 11, 1773.



Synod of 1802.  
Session III. §1.

The committee consisting of Messrs. Hendel, Wagner, Mack, Sen. and Mack, Jr. reported, that they held a tentamen with Mr. Van der Sloom and found his qualifications such that he can with propriety be licensed as a candidate for the ministry.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Van der Sloom be licensed.

Minutes of 1803.  
Session II. §9.

Application was made this morning by the congregations of Mr. Van der Sloom for his ordination. The subject was again taken into consideration this afternoon. It was resolved that Mr. Van der Sloom be ordained. Messrs. Helffrich, Pomp, Hoffmeier were appointed a committee to ordain him in his congregations on the second Wednesday after Whitsuntide.

Synod of 1811.  
Third Session, §13.

Mr. Van der Sloom informed the Synod that he had left the congregations he had heretofore served, and accepted a call from the congregation at Germantown. The call was confirmed by Synod.

(The above quotations from the Minutes of the Synod were kindly supplied the author by Rev. F. W. Berleman, 341 Fairmount Ave., Phila.)

Soon after he became the pastor of 7 or 8 congregations, which his father had served in Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

An important event was his marriage, at Reading, Berks County, Pa., Nov. 11, 1802, (his 29th birthday), to Miss Catherine Deiser, eldest daughter of Rev. Philip Reinhold Pauli\*, then pastor of several Reformed congregations in Reading and its vicinity, by Dr. Hendel, the younger, of Tulpehocken.

In December, 1802, he removed to Northampton County, taking up his residence in Allen Township, where he took charge of several of his father's congregations in "Dry Land," and moved into the old parsonage, partly a stone building. He preached to those congregations with much acceptance until 1811. In May of that year, he received an invitation to Germantown. Here he labored until Nov. 11, 1813, when, in obedience to a call which he had received, he removed to New Goschenhoppen, where he served the congregations of New and Old Goschenhoppen, Trappe, Long Swamp, and others, for a period of five years.

Rev. F. W. Berleman, 341 Fairmount Avenue, Phila., who examined the records of the Church, wrote the author as follows: "Rev. F. W. Van der Sloom came to Philadelphia, Dec. 29, 1818, to serve a new German congregation that had been organized in the summer of 1817, from members that had left the First Reformed Church, on account of trouble which arose from the introduction of English preaching in their service. He preached in Commissioners' Hall, on Third Street, until they had erected a Church on St. John Street, below Green St. The Church was dedicated on Oct. 24, 1819, the corner stone having been laid on May 9, 1819. Rev. Vandersloom resigned his congregation between Dec. 17 and 26th, 1824. He left at once, likely on Christmas. On Dec. 26, 1824, it was reported at the Consistory meeting that Rev. Vandersloom had resigned, and steps were taken for a successor. I have searched the Records of the Church and have copied all that refers to Rev. Vandersloom. The three letters are very important; they show that he was a good writer. The poems show that he had some ability as a poet. The hymns (†) were sung at the dedication of the church.

The congregation was made up principally of Europeans, who were for the most part poor. Rev. Vandersloom spared no labor or pains to collect the necessary money with which to erect the church, making various visits for this purpose to other congregations. At length his untiring efforts were crowned with full success, and his congregation was in possession of a church of its own.

After his resignation, in Dec., 1824, as above stated, he accepted a call to Rockingham County, Va., where he at first served eight and at length ten congregations—Mill Creek, Uppertrack, Willfang's and Propst's, in Hardy and Pendleton Counties; Hawk's-bill and St. Paul's, in Shenandoah

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\*See page 60, "Pauli Ancestry," and "Jew or Gentile."

†See page 24.

County; and Pine, St. John's, and Roeder's, in Rockingham County. Here he preached about three years, when, in the spring of 1827, he received a call from congregations in York and Adams Counties—Pigeon Hill, Holtzschwam (\*), Strober's, Rosstown, Franklin, in York County, and Bermudian, Oxford, Abbottstown and Berlin, in Adams County. These congregations he continued to serve up to the time of his death.

He began to be afflicted, in August, 1831, with dropsy of the chest. He preached his farewell sermon three weeks before his death, predicting the very day on which it would occur. He became gradually weaker, until it pleased the Lord to remove him by death. During his sickness he was visited by his numerous friends, from the congregations which he had served, who highly esteemed and honored him for his many virtues, his learning, and his pulpit talents.

Calling his family together, twenty-four hours previously, he announced to them the precise moment of his death. He died, surrounded by many friends, in Paradise Township, York County, Pa., on the 14th day of December, 1831, aged 58 years, 1 month and 3 days. The last words he uttered, only a few minutes before he expired, were: "Ich hore die heiligen engels Gottes in Himmel singen"—"I hear the holy angels of God in Heaven singing." He was buried Friday, Dec. 16, 1831, in the graveyard connected with the Holtzschwam church, in York County, Pa. At his funeral the text used, by Rev. Constantine J. Deininger, was 2 Cor. vi. 3, 4.

The translation of a document, written in German, is here presented; and from its contents is believed to have been used at the funeral of Rev. Vandersloot. The original, yellow from age, is the property of F. E. Vandersloot, of Swedesboro, N. J.

"Philip Frederick Wilhelm van der Sloom, only son of the late Right Reverend Philip Frederick Wilhelm van der Sloom and his wife Louisa Henriette, a daughter of the late Right Reverend Professor Schultz. He was born the 11th of November, 1773, in Dessau (Germany, Europe). About his 28th year he left his fatherland and came A. D. 1801 to America, where he at once became pastor of ten congregations—congregations which his departed father had served. After a short time, he married Diese Catharine Pauli, daughter of the late Right Reverend Philip Pauli, then pastor in Reading, Berks County, Pa. They lived in wedlock 29 years, 1 month and three days, and brought forth thirteen children together—six sons and seven daughters, of whom three daughters died before their father. He preached the gospel of our Lord thirty years and served 43 congregations in his time. Some 17 months ago he got a sickness, which, as is supposed, was dropsy. Yet through the care of physicians he was again somewhat restored. However, about 11 weeks ago a similar sickness came over him, which lasted till day before yesterday, when it pleased the Almighty to call him at 2 o'clock in the morning out of time to that better life. He reached the age of 58 years, 1 mo. and 3 days. He left a sorrowing widow with ten children.

Holtzschwam Church is located in Paradise Township, York Co., Pa., about ten miles west of York City, in what is known as Spangler's Valley, and dates back to 1775.

It obtained its name from the fact that a spring on the farm of Rev. Aaron Spangler, close by, was a favorite resort for the Indians when the white settlers first came. There were wigwags at this place. Much of the valley was a vast, woody swamp, hence the name "Holtzschwam."

The site, however, for the church is a beautiful and well chosen one, being situated on a high elevation. The timber, which for years clothed the surrounding hills and valleys with a dense mantle of shade and protection, through which for centuries the Red Man roamed unmolested, the "monarch of all he surveyed," and from which he secured his arrows and fashioned his bow, has been steadily disappearing since the time that this place derived its name; and, instead, vast areas of cultivated land, dotted here and there by the homes and store-houses of industrious farmers, meet ones gaze.

The first church building was replaced in 1849 by the present one-story brick structure, with a gallery extending around the three sides, and having a seating capacity of about twelve hundred. In 1884 it was frescoed, carpeted, and chandeliers, altar railing and new pulpit were erected, at a cost of \$1100. Four acres of land is church property. The Lutheran and Reformed congregations worship on alternate Sabbaths, and a union Sunday School meets regularly.

The old cemetery, which adjoins the church, is not very large in size, but is nearly all occupied by graves. Occasionally a burial takes place therein. It is a free burying ground.

(\*) Amos G. Jacobs, of East Berlin, Secretary of the Holtzschwam Reformed Church congregation, made an examination of the church records covering the period of Rev. Vandersloot's ministry there (1827-31) and reported that the records during that time were kept very loosely and that no references to the minister's activities were found.





**Holtzschwam Church and Cemetery.**

From one of the oldest, weather-worn tombstones we read : "Died September 24, 1784." In 1876 "Paradise Cemetery" was started, just across the road from the church, wherein lots are sold.



**HOLTZSCHWAM CEMETERY**

Graves of:

**Mrs. Magdalene Catherine Isabella Davis,**  
daughter of Rev. F. W. Vandersloot.  
(1812-1832)

**Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot.**  
1773-1831

**Mrs. Catherine Deiser Vandersloot,**  
wife of Rev. F. W. Vandersloot.  
(1784-1851)



The following are the inscriptions on tombstones at Holtzschwam Church :

SACRED  
to the memory of the  
Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot  
who was born November 11, 1773,  
in Dessau Europe. After having  
preached the Gospel of his Lord  
and Master for upwards of 30 years  
he departed this life December 14, 1831  
Aged 58 years 1 month and 3 days.  
As a minister of the Gospel he was  
eloquent, as a husband and father  
he was tender and affectionate, and  
as a Christian he fell sweetly asleep  
in the assurance of faith in a participation  
of that rest which remains for the people  
of God.  
“ Blessed are the dead which die in the  
Lord from henceforth : Yea, saith the  
Spirit, that they may rest from their  
labours ; and their works do follow them.”  
Rev. 14 c. 13 v.

This tombstone is of beautiful white marble, 4 ft. 3 in. high, 2 ft. 7 in. wide and 2 in. thick. It is in perfect condition, and the inscription is easily legible. Until about 1886 the stone had been in a horizontal position, and was then placed upright, at head of grave, with bottom supported by heavy stone base.

OUR MOTHER  
CATHARINE D.  
wife of  
Rev. F. Wm. Vandersloot  
& daughter of  
Rev. P. R. Pauli, of Reading,  
departed this life  
Jan. 30, 1851,  
Aged 66 years  
1 mo. & 4 da.  
The deceased was a kind  
& affectionate Mother, &  
will ever be held in re-  
membrance by all who  
knew her.

This tombstone, likewise, is of white marble ; in height 3 ft. 6 in., in width 1 ft. 9 in., in thickness about 3 inches, is in good state of preservation, and has always stood in upright position, at head of grave.

No repairs of any kind to any of these graves seem necessary at this time.

In person he was large and heavy ; was a ripe scholar and excellent linguist. He had fine talents and taste for poetry, and composed hymns and poems in his time, a number of which have been printed. Those poems on the burning of the theatre in Richmond, Virginia ; on the burning of many deaf and dumb in the Philadelphia Asylum, as well as the hymns which he composed for the laying of the corner stone and consecration of the church and organ in Philadelphia, are reported to be of especial merit.

Rev. F. W. Berleman, of Philadelphia, furnished the author with the following copy of a composition of Rev. Vandersloot's, written especially for, and used at, the dedicatory ceremonies, October 24, 1819, of a new German Reformed Church, on St. John Street, in that city, which he labored diligently to erect.

It is a hymn, written in the German language ; and in order to preserve it from oblivion, and at the same time retain the beauty of thought and expression which characterize it, it is here presented as originally penned.

# Gott geheiligte Gesänge.

## No. I.

1. Heil unserm, jüngst getnüpften, Bunde !  
So jauchzet, Brüder ! voll Gefühl :  
Sei uns gegrüßet — sel'ge Stunde !  
Wir sind am Ziel ! Wir sind am Ziel !
2. Da steht es — Herr ! Das Wert — vollendet  
Durch Deine Allbarmherzigkeit,  
An dem nicht Kunst das Auge blendet,  
Nicht Pracht — in edler Einfachheit.
3. Da steht es ! und wir alle sammeln  
Uns hier vor Deiner Majestät,  
Und bringen — mit vereintem Sammeln —  
Dir freudig unser Dantgebet.
4. Wie Deine Sonne und Dein Regen  
Die zarte Pflanze neu belebt,  
So daß — mit dem verlieh'nen Segen —  
Sie höher, immer höher strebt :
5. So wuchs dies Haus vor unsern Blicken,  
Zu jedes Staunen, schnell heran :  
Und wir, wir jauchzen mit Entzücken :  
Das — Vater — das hast Du gethan !
6. Dies Haus nun, wollen wir Dir weihen.  
O heil'ge, angenehme Pflicht !  
Gieb — Vater — uns dazu Gedeihen —  
Verwirf des Dantes Opfer nicht !

## No. II.

1. Hin, in Staub sinkt — Brüder, Schwestern, alle !  
Betet an ! Selbst euer Säugling lalle  
Gott, dem Weltregierer — Dank und Preis.  
Sinket hin, durchglüht von heil'gen Schauern,  
Hin — vor Gott, in eures Tempels Mauern —  
Demuts , ehrfurchtsvoll, von Liebe heiß.
2. Lobet Ihn mit sanften Melodien ! —  
Ihn, vor dessen Thron Cherube knien,  
Den der hohe Seraph — flammend — preist :  
Der den Ärmsten von uns dennoch kennet ;  
Ihn Sein Kind, um Christi willen, nennet,  
Und — voll Annähe — Sich Vater heißt.
3. Ja ! wir sinken — Vater — hin zum Staube.  
Vater bist Du uns, sagt unser Glaube ;  
Und der liest — so wahr die Welt ist ! nicht :  
Vater bist Du, ruft das Herz, voll Freude :  
Vater bist Du, sagt uns — dies Gebäude,  
Das von Deiner Huld so träftig spricht.

4. Sind wir der Barmherzigkeit und Treue,  
Werth wohl, die sich so an uns aufs Neue  
Hat verherrlicht im schönsten Licht?  
Werth wohl Deiner Nachsicht, Deiner Schonung?  
Werth wohl dieser, uns geschenkten Wohnung?  
Treuer Vater! Nein — wir sind es nicht.

### No. III.

#### Recitation.

Ist's wirklich? — Nicht ein süßer Traum?  
Daß hier, aus diesem ödem Raum—  
Zu Menschen-Glück und Gottes-Lob—  
So schnell sich dieses Haus erhob?

#### Chor.

Nein! Nicht ein Traum. Der Gott, der uns're Väter  
In früh'rer Zeit berieth, der ist auch später —  
Noch unser Gott. In Seinen Arm gestürzt,  
Umschließt Er uns; er ist Ihm nicht verkürzt:  
Umschließt Er uns — mit himmlischem Erbarmen—  
Beseelet uns mit Muth in Seinen Armen.

#### Recitation.

Wohl dem! Der sich auf Gott verläßt.  
Trotz allen Stürmen, steht er fest:  
Umrausen Wogen — furchtbar wild —  
Tobdrohend ihn? Gott ist sein Schild.

#### Chor.

Ja wohl ist Er's. Auch über uns gehalten  
Hat Er Sein mächtig Schild: Wer will's zerspalten?  
Wem würd' es, zu verrücken nur, gelingen?  
Und wessen Pfeil dürft' in dasselbe dringen?  
O! keine Macht—im Himmel und auf Erden—  
Kann dem, den Gott beschirmt, verderblich werden.

#### Recitation.

Durch Christum war der Herr euch nah.  
Auf! Singet laut Halleluja!  
Zieht — jubelnd in eu'r Salem ein:  
Der mit euch war, wird mit euch sein.

#### Chor.

Dies hoffen wir zu Dir, der oben thronet,  
Zu Dir, der gern in unserm Salem wohnet:  
Wenn wir dies Haus, dies Salem nicht entweihen;  
Nicht, Christen ungeziemen, uns entzweien:  
Wenn hohe Andacht nur das Herz durchdringet,  
Und sich das Band des Friedens um uns schlinget.

#### Recitation.

Wie fein und lieblich ist's, wenn ihr  
Mit euren Brüdern, Schwestern hier  
In steter Lieb' und Eintracht lebt,  
Gern dem Beleidiger vergebt!



C h o r.

Laß uns, um Deines Namens willen!  
 Und wese nicht erfrem. Du wirst erfüllen  
 Den unser Ramm, der heute uns befelet:  
 Denn uns nur nicht an Treu, an Glauben fehlet.  
 — Intercessfluch! An Deines Thrones Stufen —  
 Laß uns vernebtlich nicht — um Beistand rufen!

No. IV

Recitation.

Wer rüstete dies Dentmal Sich?  
 Wer sprach Sein mächtig: Werde!  
 Wer pflegte, mehr als mütterlich,  
 Die friedlich — kleine Heerde?

C h o r.

Der Gott, von dem ein David spricht:  
 „Der Hüter schläft, noch schlummert nicht.“  
 — welch ein Trost aus Gottes Mund!  
 „Nicht fallen soll mein Friedensbund!  
 „Wenn Berge wohl weichen, hinfallen die Hügel:  
 „So soll meine Gnade nicht weichen. Die Flügel,  
 „Die Viele vor Unglück bedeckt schon hatten:  
 „Gewähren euch Zuflucht — erquickenden Schatten.“

Recitation.

Wer rüstete mit Thätigkeit  
 Sucht aus — mit Muth und Stärke?  
 Mit Eifer — mit Beharrlichkeit —  
 Zu eurem schweren Werke?

C h o r.

Der Heiland, der für uns einst starb,  
 Und Heil und Seligkeit erwarb.  
 Auf Ihn sah'n wir mit Zuversicht.  
 Was Er verspricht: Das bricht Er nicht.  
 „Ach“, sagt dort ein Jesus: (wer dürft' Ihm nicht trauen!)  
 „Will meine Gemeinde auf Felsen erbauen.  
 „Es sollen, so wüthend sie sich mögen stellen!  
 „Sie nicht überwält'gen die Wforten der Höllen.“

Recitation.

„Ich will Dich nicht verlassen“, sagt  
 Der Herr zu seinem Knechte.  
 „Sei nur getrost und unverzagt!  
 „So hält dich meine Rechte.“

C h o r.

„Erhöre Deines Volkes Flehn!  
 „Laß Deine Augen offen stehn  
 „Herr — über diese Stätte. Noch  
 „Bleib ihr, o Gott! Dein Nam' ist da.  
 „Du, der Du das Brausen der Meeresfluth stillest;  
 „Was lebet und webet, mit Fröhlichkeit füllest:  
 „Sei Sonne und Schild uns — gieb uns Deine Gnade:  
 „Dann trifft uns kein Tod auf abahnetem Pfade.“

No. V.

Triumph! Triumph! Wir sind belohnt.  
Erschallet, Jubelchöre!  
Nicht uns — nein Ihm, Der jenseits thront,  
Gebührt allein die Ehre:  
Belohnt sind wir für manche Nacht,  
Von uns so sorgsam durchgewacht.

Triumph! Triumph! Belohnt sind wir.  
Wie oft ist — unverdrossen —  
Von unsrer Stirn' und Wange hier  
In Strömen Schweiß geflossen!  
Du Herr — hast unsern Muth gestählt,  
Und jeden Tropfen Schweiß gezählt.

Triumph! Triumph! Wir sind belohnt  
Für manche saure Tritte,  
Die zum Pallast, wo Reichthum wohnt,  
Uns führten, wie zur Hütte.  
O — was ihr thatet Arm und Reich?  
Gott sah' es. Er vergelt' es Euch!

Triumph! Triumph! Belohnt sind wir.  
O — könnt ihr's, Kinder, fassen:  
Was eure Väter, Mütter hier  
Euch für ein Erbe lassen?  
Bedenkt's! Gewiß — ein hoher Preis!  
Gebauet von der Aeltern Schweiß.

Triumph! Triumph! Ihr werdet nicht  
Euch dieses Erbes schämen:  
Nicht Stolz wird eure Kindespflicht,  
Nicht euren Vorsatz lähmen:  
Nach väterlicher Weise — gern —  
Hier zu erscheinen vor dem Herrn.

Triumph! Triumph! schalt's woltenauf  
Von deutscher Pilger Lippen:  
Du leitetest Herr unsern Lauf  
Durch Stürme, Wogen, Klippen:  
Leit' uns zur Väter Gruft auch jetzt,  
Daß sie des Dantes Thräne neht.

When he was already confined to his bed in his last sickness, he received a letter from the sons of the Rev. William Hiester, of Lebanon, requesting him to write some verses for his tombstone, which he did.

It is said that at funerals, when there was no hymn book convenient, he made verses impromptu, and always appropriate to the occasion. Many beautiful poems are said to have been among his manuscripts.

He had a great talent for music; was gifted with an exceedingly strong voice, which could be distinctly heard over a multitude of singers, and was generally his own chorister in his congregation.

Two of his sons, Rev. Frederick William and Rev. Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot, entered the holy ministry, as did also two of his grandsons, Rev. Jacob Samuel Vandersloot and Rev. William Frederick Philip Davis.

His wife was born Dec. 26, 1784, and died Jan. 30, 1851, near Littlestown, Adams County, Pa., aged 66 years, 1 month and 4 days, and was buried at Christ's Church; in April, 1851, her remains were removed to Holtzschwam Church, Paradise Township, York County, where they now rest beside those of her husband and also her daughter, Magdalena Catherine Isabella Davis. The text used at her first burial was Ps. XXXIX, 5, 6; and at the latter, Gen. XLVII, 29, 30.

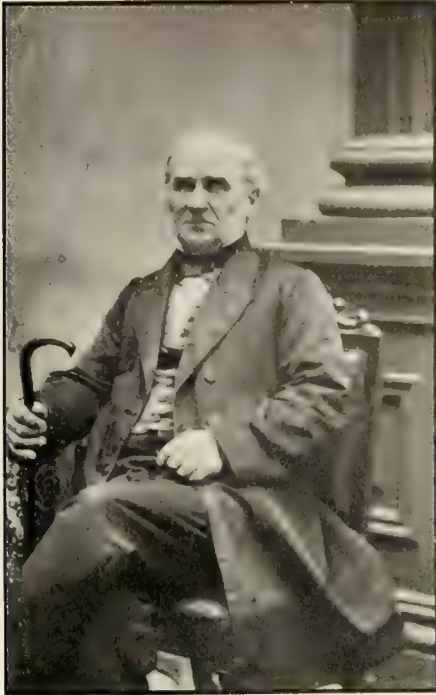
To them were born thirteen children—six sons and seven daughters—whose names, date of birth and of decease are herewith presented as recorded by the mother in register, now in possession of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Frank Reeser, of York, Pa.:

1. REV. FREDERICK WILLIAM; Dec. 8, 1803; Sept. 11, 1878.
2. MARIA LOUISA; April 2, 1805; \_\_\_\_\_
3. REV. FERDINAND EDWARD; Oct. 27, 1806; June 19, 1890.
4. CAROLINE HENRIETTA; April 16, 1808; July 22, 1876.
5. CHARLES AUGUSTUS; Jan. 17, 1810; \_\_\_\_\_
6. MAGDALENA CATHERINE ISABELLA; Feb. 8, 1812; April 22, 1832.
7. WILHELMINA EMELIA; Dec. 3, 1814; Nov. 14, 1817.
8. GUSTAV ALBERT; June 15, 1816; \_\_\_\_\_
9. CATHERINE WILHELMINA EMELIA; Dec. 30, 1817; Dec. 27, 1819.
10. JOHN THEODORE; Oct. 19, 1819; \_\_\_\_\_
11. EMMA ELIZABETH; Feb. 18, 1822; Oct. 16, 1898.
12. A DAUGHTER; Sept. 12, 1824; Sept. 15, 1824.
13. HENRY PHILIP LEWIS; Sept. 8, 1825; May 11, 1871.

In the presentation hereinafter of information regarding the above, the writer commences with the first, or eldest, and presents data or records of him or her, with a continuance of the same, in like manner, relating to his or her posterity, before taking up the next named; and in so doing, a large numeral will appear above the name of each of the thirteen members of this family.

1.

REV. FREDERICK WILLIAM VANDERSLOOT, Reformed minister, the eldest son of his father, was born in Northampton County, Pa., December 8, 1803; and died at York, Pa., Wednesday night, September 11, 1878, at 11:30 o'clock, aged 74 years, 9 months and 3 days.



Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot.  
1803-1878.

He received his classical education mainly at the old Pennsylvania College in Philadelphia, and adopted the traditional calling of his ancestors.

In 1824 he accompanied his father to Virginia, where he prosecuted his theological studies under the direction of his father, and assisted him at times in the labors of the pulpit. In 1827 they both returned to Pennsylvania. During the latter part of that year, and also in 1828, he studied at the Theological Seminary at Carlisle, Pa., presided over by the Rev. Lewis Mayer, D. D. He then returned to his father and assisted him for a season in his ministerial activities.

In 1830 he was licensed in Philadelphia by what was then known as the "Free Synod," and ordained to the work of the ministry, having taken charge of several congregations in York County; Rev. Drs. H. Bibighaus and Joseph S. Dubbs, and Thomas H. Leinbach officiated at his ordination. His labors were confined almost exclusively to York County, where he was widely known and highly esteemed. Staley's was the first congregation in his charge in which he preached, and he continued to serve it during the uninterrupted period of forty-six years, being constrained by increasing age and growing infirmities to resign his charge about two years prior to his death.

During his ministry in York County, he preached, in addition to the above congregation, at Sadler's, Blymeier's, Zeigler's, near Seven Valley, Mt. Zion, Dallastown, Neffstown, Wolff's, and Springettsburg, some of which congregations were organized by him and built up through his labors. Like his father, he ranked high as a preacher. For a period of full fifty years he labored in the work of the ministry, having taught publicly in the house of God some years before his ordination.

On the 29th of December, 1829, he was married to Miss Mary Ann Witman, from the vicinity of Wrightsville, Pa., a lady in comfortable pecuniary circumstances, of remarkable Christian worth, truly devoted and energetic in her household affairs, and possessing gifts of head and heart, that made her beloved as far as she was known. She was of English descent (see page 61). With her he lived most happily, almost half a century, she having preceded him nearly ten months to the eternal world. He was much afflicted during the last year of his life. Besides laboring under physical suffering of a severe nature, he was sorely distressed by the loss of his wife, and also by the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Amanda Elliot, an exemplary and most excellent Christian woman, who died on the 11th of October, 1877, a little over a month prior to the death of her mother. In addition to



Wife of Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot  
Miss Mary Ann Witman  
1811-1877.



all this, he was gradually losing his eyesight, so that his prospects, so far as this world was concerned, were surrounded with gloom. He bore up, however, under all with marked Christian fortitude unto the end, breathing out his life sweetly in the presence of his immediate family and some dear friends. He had been engaged in the preparation of a brief biography of his life, including all his ministerial experiences and acts, when his eyesight failed him; and thus was lost one of the most interesting chapters in the religious history of York County.

He had a strong and pleasing voice; was, in his prime, remarkably earnest and active, and bold and fearless in presenting the truth. While adhering to the apparently greater and deeper and more frequent teachings of love, and avoiding a too free use of the terrors of the law, he was firm in the advocacy of the truth, and in his application of the discipline of the Church to the fullest extent, when required.

Brief quotations from two newspapers of York, in the vicinity of which he spent the greater part of his life, are herewith presented, as eminently proper, both as a means of permanent record and as evidence of the marked esteem in which he was held by the public press:

**YORK EVENING RECORD:** He was a type of the Christian manhood of earlier days, sorrowing with those who mourned, rejoicing with those who rejoiced, and combining the faithful pastor with the wise and kindly friend. His was that gracious old school courtesy which is now always so attractive, and which bound the hearts of those with whom he came in contact, to him as with bands of steel. In his daily walk and conversation he kept close to that Divine life which more than eighteen hundred years ago came into the world to be a light to the Gentiles. Humble in his demeanor, he never forgot whom he served, and his heart was always open to those who were spiritually or temporally needy. In his home relations, he was an affectionate father, and his household was indeed the household of faith. His children looked up to him with a reverence justified by his life, among them, and at the family altar, and in the life of those connected with him, he will indeed be missed. From the first to the last, although he served a number of churches, the church in which he first preached in York was the special object of his anxious care. In his death the loss is not alone that of the Reformed Church, of which he was the oldest minister in York county, but that of the entire Christian community. Though his public ministrations, by reason of the infirmities of age, ceased some time since, yet the ministrations of his life in his retirement were felt by many.

**YORK DAILY:** In the death of Rev. Vandersloot the community has sustained a peculiar loss. The threads of his life were so closely intertwined in the history of nearly every family in the community, in which he lived and labored, that his death is a loss to all of them. For a half century he was a faithful minister of the Gospel. He stood in the pulpit week after week, whilst from his lips dropped words of comfort and cheer, based on lines of Holy Writ. He stood at the baptismal font and gave their names to thousands of children, who are now grown to men and women, scattered over the length and breadth of the earth. He stood at the altar and administered the holy rite of confirmation to other thousands, who are now pillars in the Church and faithful Christians, doing the bidding of their Master. He stood at the fireside and joined the hands of innumerable couples, whose hearts had long been united—couples who have lived and prospered and died under his ministrations, and he has stood at the grave and consigned to the dust, the remains of thousands of his friends and neighbors, and whilst, on such occasions, he would teach to the living the severe lesson which death should always teach, he yet had ever ready for the stricken ones words of sympathy and comfort. In short, he stood like a tower of strength, while generation after generation was born and prospered and died before him. Children grew to be men and women, and became the parents of other children; young men and maidens grew to be old and gray, and men died and were carried to the tomb, and yet he lived on, making friends of all by his genial and courteous manner. Children loved him, the young respected and revered him, and the old looked upon him as an elder brother. But at last the destroying angel came, even unto him. He reared a family which did him honor in his declining days. He lived the three score and ten years allotted to fallen man. His hair was whitened by the frosts of many winters. His eye grew dim and his step feeble, but the heart within was as young and fresh as ever, as he continued to live through four additional years. Seasons came and went, years began and ended, and yet he lived on.

Till like a clock, worn out with eating time,  
The wheels of weary life at last stood still.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, September 14th. It was largely attended. His remains were taken into Trinity Reformed Church, the ministers of the various religious denominations of the place acting as pall-bearers. Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, pastor of the congregation, preached

an appropriate discourse, from Acts XIII, 36. Rev. Dr. Luther E. Gottwald and Rev. Dr. C. J. Deininger (\*), of the Lutheran Church, participated in the services, the former leading in prayer, and the latter making an interesting and touching address. After the close of these services his remains were conveyed to Prospect Hill Cemetery, and there interred, attended with appropriate Christian funeral rites, to remain until the resurrection of the great day.

He was the father of seven children, all of whom were born in Windsor Township, York County, Pa. Five are living and reside at York, Pa.

His wife died November 18, 1877, aged 66 years, 7 months and 12 days, and is interred beside her husband. At her funeral a discourse was delivered in the English language by Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, and an address in German by Rev. Dr. Lochman, her life-long friend. Revs. Aaron Wanner and Aaron Spangler, of the Reformed Church, and Drs. Gotwald and Lilly, of the Lutheran Church, were also present and took part in the services.

Names of their children :

1. AMANDA ; born Oct. 5, 1830 ; died Oct. 11, 1877.
2. FREDERICK WILLIAM, M. D. ; born Jan. 30, 1834 ; living.
3. JOHN JACOB ; born Nov. 24, 1836 ; living.
4. MARY ANN ; born Jan. 12, 1839 ; living.
5. CATHERINE ISABELLA ; born Aug. 7, 1843 ; living.
6. ALBERT BENJAMIN ; born Jan. 6, 1846 ; died March 18, 1890.
7. EDWARD MILTON ; born Aug. 11, 1849 ; living.

1. AMANDA VANDERSLOOT ; born Oct. 5, 1830. Her husband, Albert Wagner Elliot, was born Dec. 1, 1830, and died Nov. 19, 1875. To them were born one daughter and two sons :

Mary C. C. Elliot, who died at York Dec. 7, 1861, aged 5 years, 5 months and 29 days ; Albert and Harry Elliot.

Mrs. Elliot died Oct. 11, 1877, aged 47 years and 6 days, and is buried beside her husband and daughter in Prospect Hill Cemetery, at York.

2. DR. FREDERICK WILLIAM VANDERSLOOT, of York, Pa., was born in Windsor Township, York County, Pa., January 30, 1834 ; and was the oldest son of the late Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot, one of the pioneer Reformed ministers of York County.

He worked on a farm and attended country school until fifteen years of age, when he continued his education at the York County Academy. At the age of seventeen he taught two terms of school, and at the same time read medicine with Dr. T. N. Haller, of York.

When he attained the age of nineteen years, he entered the University of Maryland Medical College, and graduated and received his diploma therefrom on the 5th day of March, 1855, being but twenty-one years of age. Three days later he located in the town of Loganville, York County, and immediately began the practice of his profession. Here he soon obtained a large and lucrative practice ; and was honored by the inhabitants of the place by being elected, at the age of twenty-one, Chief Burgess of the town. He continued to enjoy an increasing practice for five years, when he removed to the town of Glenrock, in 1860.

During the second year of his practice in Loganville, he formed the acquaintance of Miss Sarah Green Grazelle Fife (see pages 61 and 62), daughter of Robert and Susanna Fife, a beautiful lady, nineteen years of age, who was teaching school in Loganville. On the 16th of December, 1856, after an acquaintance of six months, they were married at Shrewsbury by the Rev. J. Lee, of the M. E. Church.

After moving from Loganville, in 1860, to Glenrock, his practice increased rapidly and he had one of the largest and best medical practice in the county.

While residing at Glenrock he connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, took an active part, and was one of the largest contributors in building a fine M. E. Church in the town. He was elected Sunday School Superintendent, Class Leader and Trustee.

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\*The father of this Rev. Deininger preached the funeral sermon of the father of the deceased.

After removing to York, the Doctor and his family identified themselves with the Duke Street M. E. Church, to which he also contributed liberally to secure the completion of the church edifice. He is a Trustee and Class Leader at present in this church.

After the battle of Gettysburg, the Doctor was requested to take the position as Contract Surgeon, and accepted a position in the U. S. Army Hospital at York, where he had charge of Ward



Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, York, Pa.

Number Four, and later, Ward Number Seven. He continued in this service until the fall of 1863, when he requested his discharge, which was granted, and the same day returned to Glenrock and again resumed his private practice.

In appearance he looks much younger than he really is; and few would imagine that he has been ministering to the wants and calls of the sick for nearly half a century, except his friends who know him. He resides at No.—, East College Ave., York, Pa.

To them were born one daughter and four sons, all of whom are living :

FREDERICK WILLIAM; born at Loganville, York County, Pa., Dec. 5, 1857. He attended the York County Academy, then under the superintendency of Prof. Geo. W. Ruby, where he secured his education. After leaving school he became employed as salesman with the wholesale and retail boot and shoe firm of Wallace and Vandersloot. He has for the past twenty years been actively



engaged in the wholesale and retail boot and shoe business in York. In 1896 he and his brother, Robert F., engaged in the retail shoe business at No. 8 East Market Street, York, Pa., where they are now located.

On April 7th, 1881, he married Miss Henrietta Gahring, at Wrightsville, York County, Pa., Rev. J. G. Sherman officiating. His wife was born at York, April 25, 1856.

They are members of the First M. E. Church, and reside very comfortably at No. 137 North Queen Street, York, Pa.

Four children were born, at York, to this union, three of whom are living :

EARLE WILLIAM ; born Aug 21, 1882. He is tall, slender, and erect in form ; pleasant and agreeable in his manner ; energetic and industrious, with the best promises for a successful career before him. He is a member of the Duke Street M. E. Church, having joined Dec. 26th, 1897 ; is active in church work and regular in attendance upon its services.

RAYMOND KING ; born Dec. 16, 1889, and died July 11, 1890.

LEROY ; born Nov. 28, 1892. Is attending the public schools ; is a bright and pleasant boy.



Ellen Shetter and Leroy Vandersloot,  
York, Pa.

ELLEN SHETTER ; born March 13, 1895. She also is going to school ; is a cheerful and active little girl, and the delight of her parents.

SUSANNA ; born at Glenrock, York County, Pa., July 17, 1864 ; and was named after her maternal grandmother, Susanna Fife (nee Kohler).

She received her education in the schools of her native town, and later at the Young Ladies' Seminary, located at York.

She was received into full membership in the Duke Street M. E. Church, Sept 3, 1876, Rev. H. R. Bender, pastor. For a number of years she was organist and assistant in the Primary Department of the Sunday School of that church, and also, for some time, member and organist of the church choir. This, together with other activities in church work, were continuous throughout a number of years, and were very acceptable.

On May 28, 1891, she was united in marriage with John Ferdinand Kissinger, by Rev. A. M. Barnitz, then pastor of the Duke Street M. E. Church. Her husband is engaged in the brick manufacturing business, and is the largest producer in southern Pennsylvania. They are both members of Christ Lutheran Church, of York.



This union has been blessed with four daughters and two sons, all of whom were born at York, and are living at this time :

**SARAH MYRTLE** ; born March 13, 1892. She was named in honor of her maternal grandmother. Myrtle is now attending her fourth year at school. She is very bright and is progressing rapidly in her studies.

**HELEN GERTRUDE** ; born Nov. 14, 1893 ; and is also pursuing her fourth term at school. Like her sisters, she is pleasant, kind and obedient.



Helen Gertrude and Anna Mary Kissinger,  
York, Pa.

**ANNA MARY** ; born Jan. 13, 1895. She is an interesting, happy and lively child ; and began her first year's schooling this fall.

**BEULAH MAY** born May 18, 1896.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN** ; born Oct. 28, 1897. He was named after his grandfather, Benj. F. Kissinger.

**LEWIS EDWARD** ; born April 7, 1899 ; the youngest of the family, and is named in honor of his two uncles, Lewis and John Edward Vandersloot.

They reside in their new and beautiful suburban cottage, just completed, situated No. —, East College Avenue, York.

**ROBERT FIFE** ; born at Glenrock, York County Pa., April 17, 1867. Attended the public schools of York. In 1883 entered the service of the Penna. R. R. Company, and learned telegraphy ; and the following year was assigned to duty in Maryland ; remained in service of said company about six and one-half years, after which he resigned and went to Henderson, Ky. ; thence to different points in Missouri, to Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee, and was operator for the Tenn. R. R. Co. during the famous Coal Creek strike. He then located at Chattanooga, and afterwards at Citico, Tenn. Whilst at the latter place a general railroad telegraph operators' strike was inaugurated, in which he joined, and, being defeated in this, returned to Kentucky and, afterwards, to Ohio, Indiana, Illinois ; and thence back to Missouri, where he went into the employ

of the Chicago & Alton R. R., as operator, and was soon promoted to the position of train dispatcher. Upon resigning here, he went to the Pacific coast, and was located in Washington State for the period of eight years, in the employ of the Northern Pacific R. R. Co. After having visited all the Western States and Territories, he returned to York, and engaged, in 1896, with his brother, Frederick William, in the retail boot and shoe business, at No. 8 East Market Street.

Robert is a large and heavy man, weighing about 220 pounds. In this particular he follows his maternal ancestors, in whose honor (Robert Fife, his grandfather) he was named. He is genial, sociable and of even temperament; and possesses a fund of knowledge gained through study, extensive travel and experience.

He is a member of Trinity Reformed Church, of York, and is the only member of his immediate family who cleaves to the Church of his grandfathers.

JOHN EDWARD; born at Glenrock, York County, Pa., Feb. 17, 1869. He was educated in the public schools of York. He was first employed as clerk in the Pennsylvania Agricultural Works; and, later, accepted the position of newspaper reporter for the *York Dispatch*, where he remained for several years. He acquired a knowledge of shorthand and typewriting, and after leaving the newspaper business became stenographer and clerk for J. C. Schmidt & Co., chain manufacturers, with which firm he remained for a period of three years. He then registered with George S. Schmidt, Esq., as a law student, and was admitted to the Bar of York County, October, 1893. He has become a prominent member of the York Bar, and enjoys a large practice.

He has taken an active interest in politics since his youth; is a staunch Republican, and has filled the office of Republican County Chairman of York County for two terms. He is a good public speaker, and has done effective work on the "stump" for Republican candidates.

On June 5, 1895, he was wedded to Miss Carolyn Sayres Helker, daughter of D. A. and Emily (Sayres) Helker, of York. To this union were born, at York, two children:

CHARLES EDWIN; born May 4th, 1896.

SARAH EMILY; born July 2nd, 1897.

He and his wife are members of Duke Street M. E. Church, he having joined at an early age.

They reside very comfortably at their home, corner of East College Avenue and Vander Avenue, York.

LEWIS; born at Dallastown, York Co., Pa., Aug. 15, 1873. Secured his education in the schools of York. Vacation periods were spent in newspaper office of *The York Age*, first as "devil," and, later, in spring of 1890, as regular typesetter; devoted evening hours to the acquirement of the art of shorthand and typewriting; Feb., 1891, left the "case" to accept first position, in new profession, with insurance firm of White & Jessop; Feb., 1892, employed by The York Trust Company, where he remained continuously until Jan., 1899, at which time he was appointed by Governor William A. Stone to a position as stenographer and typewriter, in the employ of the State. United with Duke Street M. E. Church, March 7, 1894; is a member of the I. O. O. F., and also a member of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, of Harrisburg, F. and A. M.

He is author of this History and Genealogy of the von der Sloot family.

3. JOHN JACOB VANDERSLOOT; born in York County, Pa., Nov. 24, 1836; received a liberal education, having had the advantages of the schools of York and the York County Academy. He began his mercantile career at an early age, and later was employed by C. E. Morgan and Co., of Philadelphia, where he remained until 1861, when he returned to York and was for many years engaged in the retail dry goods business.

On Oct. 12, 1869, he married Miss Leonora V. (born April 19, 1846), daughter of Charles and Sarah Jaeger, of Philadelphia; a niece of Lewis Audenried, and a graduate of Troy Female Seminary, of Troy, N. Y., founded by Emma Willard, which was the first school for the higher education of women in the States. His wife and he were always members of Trinity Reformed Church, of York, as are also his children. For upwards of forty years he has been an active worker in the church, having been a Deacon and Elder and a teacher in the Sabbath School. He is a man of integrity, upright and just; has the esteem and respect of a large acquaintanceship; is pleasant and agreeable, and a kind and generous father.

On Dec. 26, 1893, he sustained a great loss by the death of his beloved wife. She was a most excellent woman, a faithful and devoted wife, and an earnest Christian mother.

The following are the names of their children, all of whom reside at York:

KATHERINE ADELE; born Oct. 7, 1870. She is a skilled stenographer, and is employed by an attorney-at-law.

MARY ANNA; born Nov. 29, 1872.

SARAH CHARLOTTA; born Sept. 11, 1874. Nov. 7, 1895, she married Thomas A. Myers, son of Edwin and Isabella Myers. Two sons were born to this union, Thomas Edwin, born Sept. 29, 1896, and John Roger, born March 25, 1898.

WILLIAM JOHN; born Jan. 27, 1880.

LEONORA PAULI; born Nov. 24, 1883.

FRANCES ISABELLA; born June 13, 1885. The two latter are attending school at York.



John Jacob Vandersloot, York, Pa.

4. MARY ANN VANDERSLOOT; born Jan. 12, 1839, at York, Pa. For the past twenty years she has devoted a considerable portion of her time in lending assistance, in various ways, to the poor, the sick and neglected of the city. Much needed aid has reached the poor through her hands.

She has been an untiring and efficient worker in the City Mission since its organization. Among this class of people she has worked earnestly and energetically; her beneficence is well known, and she is respected by all.

Her philanthropic and benevolent disposition has led her to be identified with the Ladies' Auxiliary of the York Hospital and Dispensary, where she has served, at times, as the head of its several Committees, and has ministered to the Hospital's sick and suffering.



The Women's Christian Association has in her a useful and conscientious worker, and Miss Vandersloot's activities for the benefit of young women, through this agency, have been recognized and duly appreciated. Her deep solicitude for the well-being of humanity, in all conditions of life, is foremost in her thoughts; her love and broad benevolence exemplify themselves in practical and helpful ministrations to the necessities of mankind.

Miss Vandersloot resides pleasantly at No. 107 West King Street, in her native city.

5. CATHERINE ISABELLA VANDERSLOOT; born Aug. 7, 1843. Married Henry C. Smyser. One daughter, Mary Matilda. Residence, York.

6. ALBERT BENJAMIN VANDERSLOOT; born Jan. 6, 1846. He secured his early education in the schools of York. Was for a number of years engaged in farming in York County. Died March 18, 1890, at York, and is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

His last few years were filled with much suffering and distress, occasioned by physical ailment, which finally led to his death at the early age of 44 years.

Possessing a pleasant disposition, and being friendly and kind-hearted, he had hosts of friends who mourned his early demise.

7. EDWARD MILTON VANDERSLOOT; born August 11, 1849, in Windsor Township, York County, Pa. Married Miss Mary, daughter of C. B. Wallace, Esq., of York. Is engaged in wholesale boot and shoe business at York, under firm name of Wallace & Vandersloot.

Ethel Wallace, only child, born Oct. 20, 1883.

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MARIA LOUISA VANDERSLOOT; born April 2, 1805, in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa.; baptized April 26, 1805, by Rev. Diehl; died in Virginia. She married Dr. Jacob Cootes, of Hardy County, Va., where he died April 25, 1855.

Five children were born to them: Emily; Amanda; Elizabeth, married to John Stetler, of York County; Francelia, married in Virginia; and Edward, who died at Westminster, Md.

After the death of Dr. Cootes, family moved to Adams and York Counties, and later returned to Virginia.

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## 3.

REV. FERDINAND EDWARD VANDERSLOOT; born in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa., Oct. 27, 1806; died June, 19, 1890, near Herndon, Fairfax County, Va., having reached the age of 83 years, 8 months and 22 days; and is buried in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia.

He was ordained to the holy ministry in 1827, in Salem Reformed Church, Philadelphia, of which his father had been pastor.

April 30, 1830, during his pastorage at Dillsburg, York County, Pa., he married Miss Rebecca Ann Fahnestock, at Marietta, Pa., by whom he had eight children:

1. FREDERICK WILLIAM, M. D.; born May 13, 1831; living.

2. SALOME FAHNESTOCK; born Feb. 17, 1833; died Sept. 5, 1888.

3. REV. JACOB SAMUEL; born Oct. 20, 1834; died Dec. 6, 1882.

4. CALVIN PAULI; born June 12, 1837; died Jan. 22, 1901.

5. FERDINAND EDWARD; born March 11, 1842; living.

6. JOHN BORIUS; born May 19, 1844; living.

7. CHARLES HENRY; born May 1, 1846; died Feb. 8, 1848.

8. LOUISA HENRIETTA SMULL; born June 10, 1848; living.

He was for many years a prolific and interesting contributor to Reformed Church history; a

fluent and powerful speaker in German, and, like his father, an excellent singer, possessed a rich bass voice. His wife was also a sweet singer, and their children all became singers and musicians of decided talent.

April 21, 1875, his wife died in Philadelphia, after a brief illness from congestion of the lungs, aged 65 years, 9 months and 13 days. The funeral occurred the following day (Sunday) from the residence of her husband, 1112 North Fourth Street. Services were held at Salem Reformed (Dr. J. G. Wiehle's) Church. She was a native of Abbottstown, Adams County, Pa. (her birth-place), and



Rev. Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot.  
1806--1890.

(Courtesy of Mrs. M. O. Smith.)

a member of the Fahnestock family, highly respected and well known in that and adjoining counties in that day. She attended the funeral of a sister, Mrs. Sarah Fink, January 19th, 1875, in York, Pa. At this place she took sick, and after nine weeks' confinement at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. O. Smith, in Hanover, recovered sufficiently to enable her to return to her home in Philadelphia. She did not, however, continue long in her improved condition, but was eventually overtaken by the disease, which suddenly summoned her away, on April 21, 1875, at 9:15 a. m.

Rev. Vandersloot married again, as the following newspaper clipping shows: "At the bride's residence, near Herndon, Fairfax County, Va., on the 27th of June, 1877, by the Rev. W. T. School-ey, Rev. F. E. Vandersloot, of Philadelphia, to Miss Mary A. Hanna." No children by this marriage.

1. DR. FREDERICK WILLIAM VANDERSLOOT was born in Abbottstown, Adams Co., Pa., May 13th, 1831. His early education was received in the common schools of Dillsburg, York Co., Pa., and Gettysburg, Pa. In the public schools of Gettysburg and in the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College he prepared himself for the Freshman class of that institution which he entered

in the fall of 1851. He studied in this institution until 1853, when he entered the office of Drs. Gilbert and Huber and read medicine for three years. In 1855, he spent one season in attending lectures at the Medical University of Maryland (Allopathic), and took a second course of lectures at the Medical Department of Pennsylvania College, located at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in March, 1856. He also received a diploma from the Philadelphia Hospital.

Dr. Vandersloot commenced practicing medicine at Quincy, Franklin Co., Pa., where he remained one year and then removed to Abbottstown, Pa., where he followed his profession four or five years. From 1861 to 1863 he practiced at Prospect, York Co., Pa. In the fall of 1863 he was appointed assistant surgeon 3rd Pa. Heavy Artillery, with the rank of First Lieutenant of cavalry, at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. While his regiment was stationed in this Fortress, for about six months of his two years service, he was sent out on detached service as surgeon of a naval brigade, constituted of two companies of his own regiment and two companies of the 13th Heavy Artillery of New York, which brigade was a land and marine force employed on six war vessels to ply the deep narrow streams of Virginia on reconnoitering expeditions. On his return to the regiment at Fortress Monroe, the surgeon's time of duty having expired, it became his duty to assume the responsibility of acting surgeon until the end of the war. He was then ordered with his regiment to Camp Cadwalader, Philadelphia, where he was mustered out November 9th, 1865. During the emergency of 1862, Dr. Vandersloot also served as Assistant Surgeon in the 13th regiment of Pennsylvania Militia.

After leaving the army he located at Fairfield, Pa., and practiced medicine there until the spring of 1867 when he moved to Buena Vista, Pa., and afterwards to Annville, Pa. For nine years, from 1870, he was located at Nittany Hall; thereafter, temporarily, at Glade and Philadelphia, after which he removed to Flemington, where he remained until 1887, since which time he has resided in Lock Haven, practicing medicine.

May 13, 1857, he married Miss Eliza E. Crouse, of Waynesboro, where she was born April 19, 1838. He is a member of the Reformed Church, having been confirmed May 5, 1849, and has been elected frequently by the Classis as delegate to Synod.

Mrs. Vandersloot possesses many graces, and is highly esteemed. Her lovely disposition and sweet Christian character are at once manifest. Kind words and consideration for others have won her hosts of friends. In her conversation she reveals unconsciously her love and broad benevolence, the purity of her thoughts and sincerity of her convictions.

To them were born five sons and three daughters, all of whom are living: Ferdinand Edward, Byron, Harry Holloway, Frederick William, Caird Melvil, Rebecca Virginia, Daisy Cloud and Albamarle Beatrice.

**FERDINAND EDWARD**; born May 6, 1858, at Abbottstown, Pa. In 1879 he married Miss Georgia Flick, of Centreville, Pa. He is engaged in the insurance business. To them were born two children: Pearl, in 1883, at Flemington, Pa., and Scott, in 1893, at Centreville, Pa.

**BYRON**; born Oct 15, 1860, at Abbottstown, Pa. He is a machinist by occupation. In 1879 he married Miss Nannie Watson, of Lamar, Pa. To this union five children were born, all of whom reside with their parents, 322 East Tenth St., Wilmington, Del.: Albamarle, June 3, 1879, at Lamar, Pa.; John William, Aug. 21, 1882, at Flemington; Sudie Irene, Aug. 9, 1885, at Lock Haven; Rebecca Virginia, Dec. 10, 1887, at Lock Haven, and Helen Fage, Jan. 13, 1893, at Wilmington.

**HARRY HOLLOWAY**; born on the second day of the battle of Gettysburg, viz, July 2, 1863, at Prospect, York Co., Pa.; married Miss Ida May Rhyual, Sept. 4, 1882. His wife was born Feb. 26, 1863, at Waynesboro, Pa. To this union five children were born: Rhyual Caird, June 2, 1883, at Waynesboro; Annie Cloud, Dec. 6, 1885, at Waynesboro; died Dec. 24, 1885, and is buried in Trinity Reformed Churchyard, Waynesboro; Byron Mitchell, Dec. 21, 1886, at Waynesboro; died May 17, 1887, and is buried in Burns Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro; Olga May, Nov. 16, 1888, at Wilmington; Harry Cleon, April 29, 1892, at Wilmington. Parents and children reside at 1003 Poplar Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM, JR.**; born Oct. 14, 1866, at Fairfield, Pa.; married Miss Cora E. Elwert, Jan. 19, 1888. Issue: Robert Elwert, Feb. 6, 1889, at Williamsport; died July 22, 1889, and is buried in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport; Carl Donaldson, Jan. 20, 1898, at Williamsport.



Mr. Vandersloot and his brother, Caird, are engaged in the music publishing business with offices at 41 W. 28th Street, New York, in which city they reside.

CAIRD MELVILL; born May 4, 1869, at Annville, Pa. Single. He and his brother, Frederick William, are engaged in the music publishing business in New York city, where he resides.

REBECCA VIRGINIA; born Sept. 27, 1870, at Nittany Hall, Pa. Married Nathan Johns Mitchell, in Wilmington, Del., Jan. 1, 1886. Mr. Mitchell was born at Minier, Ill., Dec. 13, 1868. They reside at 906 North 41st Street, Philadelphia. To this union were born: Torrence Hipple, Dec. 17, 1886, at Lock Haven; died March 15, 1887, and is buried at Howard, Pa.; Ira Caufield, April 10, 1888, at Pittsburg; Kathryn, Jan. 26, 1892, at Philadelphia, and Byron Caird, June 20, 1894, at Philadelphia.

DAISY CLOUD; born Dec. 9, 1872, at Nittany Hall. Married, Jan. 31, 1891, Samuel Oit Vandersloot, son of Rev. Jacob Samuel Vandersloot, deceased, at Camden, N. J. They reside at 232 Mt. Vernon St., Camden. Issue: Emily Cloud, Dec. 28, 1891, in Philadelphia; Frederick William, Jan. 21, 1894, in Philadelphia, and Selina Miriam, March 26, 1901, 9:30 a. m., in Camden.

ALBAMARLE BEATRICE; born Feb. 8, 1879, at Nittany Hall. Single. She possesses an excellent contralto voice, and lives in Wilmington.

2. SALOME FAHNESTOCK VANDERSLOOT, daughter of Rev. Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot, of the German Reformed Church, and his wife, Rebecca Ann (Fahnestock) Vandersloot, was born at Dillsburg, Carroll Township, York County, Pa., Feb. 17, 1833.



Mrs. H. C. Holloway. 1833-1888.

She was baptized in infancy by her father. Her sponsors were her grandmother, Mrs. Catharine Deiser (Pauli) Vandersloot, and her step-grandfather, Jacob Zinn. She was the granddaughter, on her maternal side, of the esteemed family, Jacob Fahnestock and his wife Salome, after whom she



was named. She was the great-grandchild, on her paternal side, of the Rev. F. W. Vandersloot, pastor of the old Reformed Salem congregation in Philadelphia, and his wife, Catharine Deiser, a born Pauli. She was also the great-grandchild of the Rev. Philip Reinhold Pauli, pastor of the First Reformed congregation, in Reading.

At Gettysburg, on the 6th of October, 1863, she was united in holy wedlock with Rev. Harry Clay Holloway, D. D. (then pastor of the Lutheran Church, at Westminster, Md.) by the Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D. D.

Her death occurred at Middletown, Sept. 5, 1888, and her body was removed to Gettysburg, her former home, where it was laid to rest in "Evergreen Cemetery."

Mrs. Holloway was a woman of noble and beautiful character. She was an ideal Christian. She loved and studied the scriptures as very few do. She read the Bible through eight times. She lived her religion, and exemplified the Saviour whom she loved. Her faith was sublime in life and triumphant in death.

Rev. Holloway, her husband, was the fourth son of John Brown Holloway and his wife Margaret; was born in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Pa., Sept. 17, 1838. He graduated at Penna. College, Gettysburg, in 1861, and at the Theological Seminary of the same place in 1863, and in June of this latter year was ordained to the ministry in the Lutheran Church. He made a trip through Europe; is the author of many theological articles, and has written extensively on numerous subjects in literature and theology. He published a book, "A New Path Across an Old Field," which had an extensive sale. He resides at Bellefonte, Pa.

To this union five children were born, all of whom are now living, viz:

MARTIN LUTHER HOLLOWAY; born Nov. 15, 1864, at Westminster; baptized by Rev. C. J. Deininger. He married Miss Sarah Agnes Clare, March 16, 1892, at Mountville, Lancaster County, Pa., Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D. (his father) officiating. Issue, one child: Salome Vandersloot, born Nov. 1, 1894, at Delta, York Co., Pa.

He is a druggist, and resides at 2605 North Napa Street, Philadelphia. He graduated in pharmacy in St. Louis in 1891, having made the highest average attained by any student in that college; also took first honor in a class of fifty and secured three other prizes, and the valedictory.

HARRY DEININGER HOLLOWAY; born Dec. 8, 1865, at Westminster, Md.; baptized by Rev. C. J. Deininger. He married Miss Nellie D. Evans, of Philadelphia. Issue, two children: William Evans, born Dec. 22, 1890, at Mount Airy, Philadelphia; and Carlotta, born Aug. 8, 1895, at same place. Mr. Holloway resides in Germantown, Philadelphia, conducts a real estate and investment business, and is very prosperous.

EMILY GRACE HOLLOWAY; born April 11, 1867, at Westminster, Md.; baptized by Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D. She was married by her father to Arthur Elder Edie, in Pittsburg, Feb. 18, 1890. Issue, four children: William Holloway, born Feb. 16, 1891, at Delta, York County, Pa.; Elizabeth Fahnestock, born Aug. 26, 1893, at Pittsburg; Salome Vandersloot, born June 14, 1895, at Fort Smith, Ark.; and Grace Holloway, born June 23, 1897, at Fort Smith, Ark.; all of whom were baptized by their grandfather, Rev. H. C. Holloway, D. D. They reside at Fort Smith, Ark.

DAISY VANDERSLOOT HOLLOWAY; born April 11, 1871, at Cumberland, Md.; baptized Dec. 19, 1871, by Prof. H. Louis Baugher, D. D. She married, July, 1891, at Camden, N. J., James H. Gearing, of Pittsburg. No children. They reside at Fort Smith, Ark.

PAUL FUNDENBERG HOLLOWAY; born Aug. 12, 1877, at Cumberland, Md.; baptized by Rev. J. P. Conrade. He is a druggist, having attended the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia; resides at Jenkintown, Pa., and is not married.

3. REV. JACOB SAMUEL VANDERSLOOT, Reformed minister, was born October 20, 1834, in Dillsburg, York County, Pa. Was baptized in infancy by his father, his uncle and aunt, Rev. F. W. Vandersloot and wife, being sponsors.

He learned the printing trade at Gettysburg, and for a time attended Pennsylvania College, located there. He was admitted to the practice of law in Adams County, January 17, 1860. Soon afterwards he moved to Philadelphia, was admitted to the Bar there, but did not devote himself to the practice of law. He married Miss Harriet Daisy, daughter of Harlan and Selina L. Cloud, August 27,

1863, on a rock at Wissahickon, near Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Jones officiating. His wife was born at Linwood - Marcus Hook - Delaware County, Pa., Nov. 4, 1836; became a member of the Episcopal Church, in which her cousin, Rev. Bishop Odenheimer (Wm. H.) was at that time pastor.



Rev. Jacob Samuel Vandersloot.  
1834-1882.

(Courtesy of Mrs. M. O. Smith.)

She taught at St. Peter's Protestant Parochial School (Philadelphia) for some years. Then for a period of five years was teacher at House of Refuge, serving with great acceptability.

It was in 1862 that he began the work of writing, editing and compiling works on Biblical Literature for different publishers, and he continued at this work until 1875. The author presents herewith the titles of a few of the books published as the fruit of his industry :

"Life of Our Saviour, with Prominent Events."

"Comprehensive Bible Encyclopaedia."

"Explanatory Bible Dictionary."

"Bible History and Analysis."

"Books of Biblical Antiquities."

"New and Improved Dictionary of Bible Names."

"Physical Training of Children." &c., &c.

He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church April 2, 1872; was licensed to preach April 25, 1874. Became pastor of Mt. Zion charge, Darby, Pa., May 30, 1875; remained twenty months and had over 225 conversions. On Feb. 5, 1877, was received into the Reformed Church as licentiate; February 11, 1877, ordained and installed pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

He died on the morning of December 6th, 1882.

He is described as having been a man of medium stature, dark hair, full beard, and strong lines about the mouth. He was a forcible, eloquent and magnetic speaker.

His widow is a pleasant and kind-hearted lady, and resides at 826 Highland Avenue, West Philadelphia.

Eight children were born in their home :

SELINA ; born Thursday, Nov. 10, 1864, at 12 minutes after 8 a. m., at Minersville, Schuylkill County, Pa. Baptized out of family baptismal bowl, June 5, 1870, by Dr. Wiehl, in Salem's Reformed Church, Philadelphia ; her grand-parents were present.

She married Martin H. Beach, July, 1892. No children. They reside at 826 Brooklyn Street, West Philadelphia, Pa.

REBECCA ; born Friday, May 4, 1866, at 20 minutes after 5 o'clock a. m., at North Twelfth Street, below Green, Philadelphia. Baptized with Selina. Died Thursday morning, Feb. 25, 1875, from scarlet fever, after a sickness of but two days ; aged 8 years, 9 months and 21 days. Funeral was held from the residence of her parents, No. 1408 South Twelfth Street. Interment at St. Paul's M. E. Church burial ground (\*).

DAISY ; born August 23, 1867, at 10 minutes after 2 o'clock p. m., at 1642 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia. Baptized Saturday, July 25, 1868, by Rev. Samuel Durborrow. Died Feb. 12, 1869, at 1642 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia, of convulsions ; aged 1 year, 5 months and 20 days. Interred at St. Paul's M. E. Burial Ground (\*).

EVANGELIST SAMUEL OIT ; born Tuesday, June 8, 1869, at 15 minutes after 7 o'clock a. m., at 1642 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia. Baptized at the same time as his sisters, Selina and Rebecca. January 31, 1891, married Miss Daisy Cloud, daughter of Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, of Lock Haven, Pa., in Camden, N. J. Issue : Emily Cloud, born Dec. 28, 1891, at 12 o'clock, noon, in Philadelphia ; Frederick William, born Jan. 21, 1894, at 12:10 a. m., in Philadelphia, and Selina Miriam, born March 26, 1901, at 9:30 a. m., in Camden, N. J.

Evangelist Vandersloot is a son of Rev. Jacob Samuel Vandersloot (died 1882), and a grand-son of Rev. Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot (died 1890). Rev. Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot's brother, Rev. Frederick William, died in 1878, and none of his sons having entered the ministry, the continuation of this profession in unbroken succession in the Vandersloot family devolved upon his nephew, Rev. Jacob Samuel Vandersloot, and his posterity.

Evangelist Vandersloot is minister of the " Church of Christ " (sometimes called " Christians " ), a congregation that worships in Camden. Here he preaches twice each Sabbath, and conducts evening services during the week, without stipulated compensation. When this congregation is strong enough to take care of itself he will establish congregations elsewhere. This denomination with which he is identified discountenances, for biblical reasons, the use of the appellation " Rev. " ( Reverend ) in connection with the name of its minister, and sanctions, alone, the title " Evangelist. " He is the only Vandersloot at present in the ministry, and the only one who can trace his paternal ancestors, in a continuous and unbroken ministerial line, to the year 1695, or a period covering 206 years.

He is a close student of the Bible, well informed, a good speaker, and energetic in Christian activities. In the presentation of the divine word he is conscientious and unwavering, speaking the truth as he receives it. His wife is active in household and church labors. Their children are being carefully trained.

They reside pleasantly at 232 Mount Vernon Street, Camden, N. J.

CLOUD ; born Sunday, April 30, 1871, at 15 minutes after 9 o'clock a. m., at 1206 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia. Baptized Friday, March 15, 1872, by Rev. Peter J. Cox. Died Saturday morning, July 6, 1872, at 1138 Poplar St., Philadelphia. Interred at St. Paul's M. E. Burial Ground (\*).

EDWARD URE ; born Sunday, Oct. 26, 1873, at 20 minutes after 4 o'clock p. m., at 1206 Ellsworth Street, Philadelphia. Baptized Thursday, Feb. 25, 1875, by Rev. J. S. Cook, at 1408 South Twelfth Street, Philadelphia. Died March 2, 1875, aged 1 year, 4 months and 3 days. Interment at St. Paul's M. E. Burial Ground (\*).

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\*On Monday, May 22, 1882, the remains of Rebecca, Edward Ure, Cloud and Daisy were removed from St. Paul's M. E. Burying Ground, and interred in Lot No. 42, Section 44, of Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.



FAHNESTA ; born Saturday, July 8, 1876, at 25 minutes after 3 o'clock p. m., at Darby, Pa. Baptized Jan. 6, 1878, by her father, she being the first person he baptized in church edifice—St. John's Reformed Church, 4044 Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia.

August, 1895, married Eli E. Davis, in Camden, N. J. Issue : Edwin Emerson, born April 29, 1896. They reside at 826 Highland Avenue, West Philadelphia.

LOMA ; born Friday, Oct. 17, 1879, at 20 minutes of 7 o'clock a. m., at 4042 Haverford St., West Philadelphia. Baptized by Rev. Wm. F. P. Davis, of Reading, at home of parents, on Wednesday evening, at 8:30, Feb. 11, 1880, out of old "Vandersloot bowl." Resides at 826 Highland Avenue, Philadelphia.

4. CALVIN PAULI VANDERSLOOT was born June 12, 1837, at Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.; moved to Gettysburg, where he secured his education; learned the printing trade at that place, which occupation he pursued at Hanover, Glen Rock, and, lastly, in Philadelphia. He married, at Annville, Pa., Sarah Ann Henning; she died in 1871 in Philadelphia. On July 3, 1878, he married Miss Rebecca Regina Morgan, of Philadelphia, in which city they resided very pleasantly at 3714 Haverford Street until his death which occurred Jan. 22, 1901. There were no children. He had been failing in health for some time. Death was caused by paralysis. His widow resides at 3851 Folsom St., Phila.

5. FERDINAND EDWARD VANDERSLOOT was born at Dillsburg, York County, Pa., March 11, 1842. He married Miss Sarah Emma Russell, September 27, 1869, in Baltimore, Md., where she was born Feb. 1, 1846.

Mr. Vandersloot has been a telegraph operator for years; was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company for about 15 years; thereafter at Clayton, N. J., as railroad telegraph operator, and, finally, located at Swedesboro, N. J., occupying the position of station agent on the Pennsylvania R. R., at which place he now resides with his wife and daughter, Margaret.

The following are the names of their children :

MARGARET, born in Baltimore, September 16, 1870.

REBECCA, born in Philadelphia, May 4, 1873; died June 28, 1873, and is buried in Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.



Edward Russell Vandersloot,  
Swedesboro, N. J.

EDWARD RUSSELL, born Feb. 3, 1875, in Philadelphia. Is a telegraph operator by profession, and was employed for a period of two years by the Western Union Telegraph Co., at 10th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, and during the past seven or eight years has served in the same capacity, at Swedesboro, the home of his father and mother, for the West Jersey & Seashore Railroad Company.

6. JOHN BORIS VANDERSLOOT is a gentleman of refinement and intelligence, of pleasing address, medium height, light hair, and resides with his wife and daughter at 3904 Haverford Street, Philadelphia. The family are members of the Third Christian Church. Though of a somewhat retiring disposition, he is, however, an interesting speaker, at once evidencing careful intellectual culture and knowledge of affairs of the day. All his years have been spent in the printing and publishing business, during which time he has occupied many important and responsible positions, and to-day stands in the foremost rank with members of his profession. His experience in his chosen occupation has been extensive, as a glance at the names of the following well-known printing and publishing firms, with which he has from time to time been employed, in various capacities, fully attests. After leaving college he was employed on the Gettysburg

and Swedesboro. He then traveled for several years, working in newspaper offices as reporter and proofreader. Thereafter he was successively employed by Philadelphia printing and publishing establishments, as follows: S. A. George & Co., four years; Fagan & Son, three years;



Grant, Faries & Rodgers, three years ; Wm. F. Fell & Co., five years, as foreman ; Sherman & Co., two years, in charge of job and press rooms ; Allen, Lane & Scott, one-half year, as "all-round" hand ; and, lastly, with John C. Clark & Sons, law blank and general printers, 228-230 Dock Street, as foreman of the printing department, with which firm he now is and has been during the past twelve years.

Mr. Vandersloot was born May 19, 1844, at Gettysburg, Pa. ; married Miss Almira Knight, of Westminster, Md., Feb. 14, 1867. Issue : Daisy, born March 25, 1868, at Westminster ; died Dec. 12, 1868 ; buried at Westminster. Eda, born August 28, 1871, at Philadelphia. John Borius, born March 30, 1876 ; died July 9, 1883 ; buried in Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.

7. CHARLES HENRY VANDERSLOOT was born at Gettysburg, May 1, 1846, at which place he died Feb. 8, 1848, and is buried in the Reformed Cemetery at that place.

8. LOUISA HENRIETTA SMULL VANDERSLOOT was born June 10, 1848, at Gettysburg, Pa. On Oct. 11, 1867 she married Malcolm O. Smith, of York, (born Nov. 2, 1846,) and since 1872 editor and publisher of the *Hanover Herald*. She inherited the musical taste of her ancestors and has been identified as a soprano singer in church choirs at Gettysburg, York, Glen Rock and Hanover since her eleventh year. She was one of the singers in the choir that furnished the music at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, in 1863, when President Lincoln delivered his immortal oration.

She has been the mother of three children, none of whom are living ; and all of whom are buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, at York.

CHARLOTTE STAIR SMITH ; born at York, Pa., July 15, 1868 ; died July 14, 1869, at York.

REBECCA FAHNESTOCK SMITH ; born at Glen Rock, Pa., Sept. 13, 1870 ; died at Glen Rock, March 17, 1872.

MALCOLM VANDERSLOOT SMITH ; born at Glen Rock, Pa., Oct. 15, 1871 ; died at Hanover, Pa., July 18, 1872.

4.

CAROLINE HENRIETTA VANDERSLOOT ; born in Northampton County, Pa., April 16, 1808. She was confirmed in Salem's Church, Philadelphia, by her father, in 1823.

November 1, 1827, she was married to John Spangler (born Nov. 23, 1806), a wealthy and highly esteemed farmer, and removed with him to the vicinity of Littlestown, Pa., where she lived until her demise, which occurred July 22, 1876.

She was unusually corpulent, weighing between 220 and 230 pounds, although comparatively short of stature. She died from dropsy of the chest. At her burial a great concourse of people gathered, in testimony of their love. Her husband died July 4, 1881.

To them were born eleven children :

| Name.                  | Born.            | Died.            | Married Date.                        |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. FREDERICK WILLIAM ; | Oct. 15, 1828 ;  | Nov. 30, 1848 ;  | Ann Felty ; May 5, 1847.             |
| 2. SARAH ANN ;         | Oct. 15, 1828 ;  |                  | Henry Felty ; Nov. 25, 1849.         |
| 3. CATHARINE I. ;      |                  |                  | Levi Trostle ; Aug. 16, 1852.        |
| 4. ISABELLA C. ;       | July 3, 1831 ;   |                  |                                      |
| 5. CHARLES N. ;        | Dec. 29, 1832 ;  | March 13, 1889 ; | Caroline O. Mehring ; Dec. 14, 1852. |
| 6. SUSANNA ;           | Sept. 25, 1835 ; |                  | John Landis ; Sept. 13, 1855.        |
| 7. JOHN ;              | July 14, 1838 ;  |                  | Mary Mehring ; May 7, 1857.          |
| 8. JACOB CALVIN ;      | March 1, 1840 ;  | Nov. 19, 1858 ;  |                                      |
| 9. SAMUEL ;            | Sept. 5, 1841 ;  |                  | Lucinda Tresler ; July 5, 1869.      |
| 10. MARIA LOUISA ;     | Nov. 10, 1842 ;  |                  | Wm. Young ; Jan. 13, 1863.           |
| 11. EMMA J. ;          | Oct. 30, 1849 ;  |                  | Elias Snyder ; Oct. 2, 1866.         |

**CHARLES AUGUSTUS VANDERSLOOT** ; born Wednesday morning, January 17, 1810, at 5 o'clock, in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pa. Was baptized May 2, 1810, by Rev. Thomas Pump, of Easton, Pa.

He went west about 1840, and was last heard of about 1844, having joined the army, and was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He married Miss Hannah Pool, and to this union were born two sons and one daughter :

1. **FREDERICK WILLIAM VANDERSLOOT** ; born Dec. 21, 1834, in Limerick Township, Montgomery County, Pa. March 28, 1857, he married Miss Sarah Ann Trumbower, who was



Frederick William Vandersloot,  
Manayunk, Pa.

born in Marlborough Township, Montgomery County, Pa., July 9, 1835. They live at 430 Roxborough Street, Philadelphia, (P. O. address, Manayunk, Pa.), and he is employed at Pencoyd Iron Works, Philadelphia. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are dead :

**ADDISON** ; born June 28, 1858, at Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa. ; died Aug. 29, 1866.

**EDWIN** ; born Sept. 20, 1859, at Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. ; died Oct. 22, 1876.

**MARY ELIZABETH** ; born July 14, 1862, at Phoenixville ; died Nov. 1, 1863.



Elmer Ellsworth Vandersloot,  
Manayunk, Pa.

ELMER ELLSWORTH : born Jan. 27, 1865, in Lower Marion Township, Montgomery Co. ; married May 15, 1887, Miss Matilda Reinhart, who was born May 9, 1866. He is employed at Pencoyd Iron Works, and resides at 430 Roxborough Street, Philadelphia. They had one child, Eva Harrison ; born Oct. 31, 1888 ; died July 12, 1891.



Mrs. Alice Rebecca Keyser.

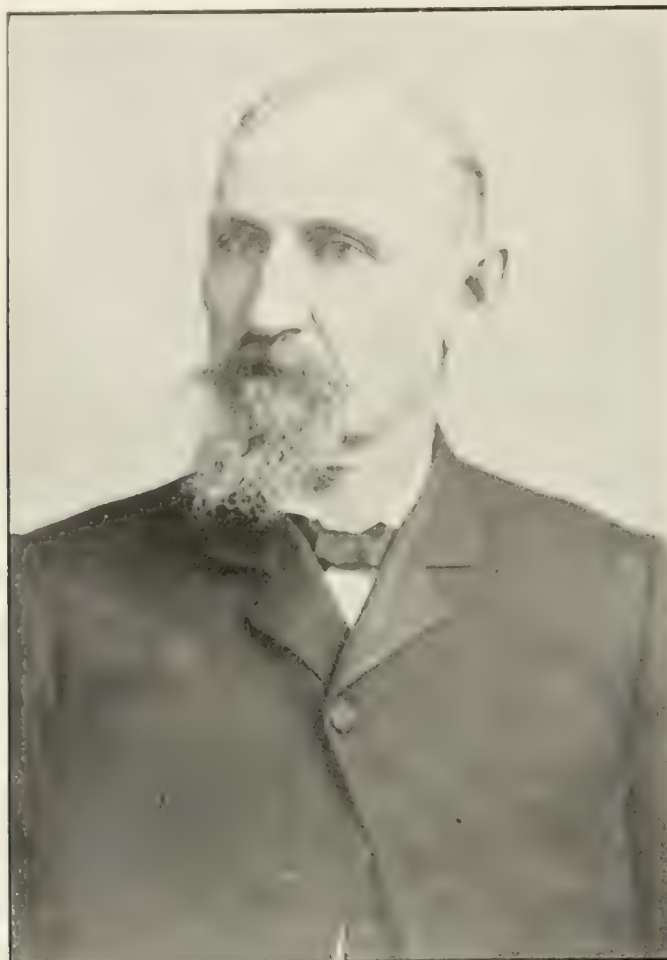
ANNA ELIZABETH ; born Dec. 21, 1867, in Lower Marion Township ; died Nov. 13, 1875.

ALICE REBECCA ; born Sept. 11, 1870, at Terrytown, Bradford Co., Pa. She married Albert C. Keyser (born Sept. 30, 1866). They have three children : Amelia Vandersloot, born Nov. 17, 1888 ; William B., born Nov. 13, 1893, and Gertrude May, born Aug. 4, 1896. They reside at Lower Providence, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

EMMA AMELIA ; born Feb. 23, 1872, at Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. ; now dead.

2. FERDINAND EDWARD VANDERSLOOT . born Sept. 6, 1836, in Montgomery Co., Pa. When 19 years of age he went to Pittsburg ; from there to Wheeling, W. Va., and thence to

West Alexander, Washington County, Pa. (about one mile from Mason and Dixon line), where he married, April 26, 1860, Miss Nancy Bronson Murray. Miss Murray was born Feb. 29, 1836, in Elkhart County, Indiana.



Ferdinand Edward Vandersloot,  
Mound City, Mo.

When the War of the Rebellion broke out, Mr. Vandersloot joined the home guards and continued with them until the fall of 1863, when he moved to Morgan County, Missouri. In the summer of 1864 he joined the regular Union army, and in the fall of the same year cast his second vote for Abraham Lincoln for President.

At the close of the war he returned to Virginia, remaining there about five months, and then moved to the State of Missouri; and since 1881 has resided in Mound City, Mo., where he conducts a meat market.

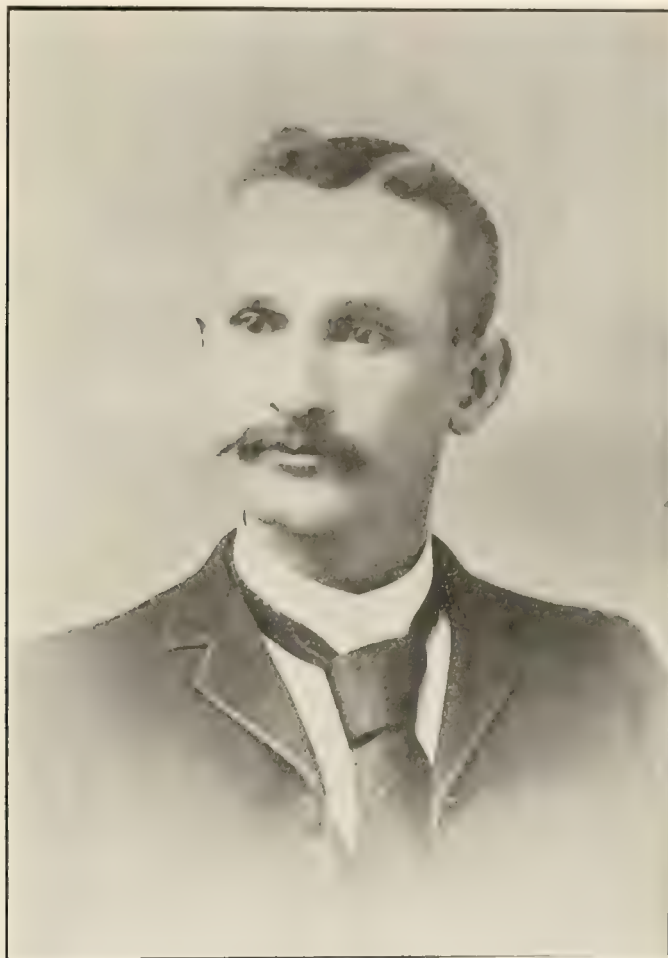
To them were born six children, all of whom are living :

MARY ALICE; born Feb. 21, 1861, in Ohio County, W. Va. Was married in Oregon, Mo., Aug. 11, 1884, to John Sobieski Williams, who was born July 23, 1849, in Lorain, O., and died May 14, 1893, in Nebraska City, Neb. To them were born two children: Orrell Nancy Williams; born Oct. 14, 1885, in Mound City, Mo.; Nellie Cecile Williams, born June 18, 1889, in Mound City, Mo.

On July 6, 1896, at Colorado Springs, Colo., Mrs. Williams married Ernest George Philip Hilteary, who was born Oct. 10, 1868, in London, Eng. No children. They reside at Colorado City, Colorado.



FREDERICK WILLIAM ; born Feb. 21, 1863, in Ohio County, W. Va. Was married July 3, 1891, in St. Joseph, Mo., to Alice Belle Erhart, who was born July 13, 1868, in Cicero, Ind. They



Frederick William Vandersloot.  
Maitland, Mo.

have two children : Eva Aleene, born April 22, 1892, in Pattonsburg, Mo. ; Frederick Erhart, born June 1, 1863, in Gallatin, Mo. They reside at Maitland, Mo.

ARTHUR BRONSON ; born April 17, 1866, in Morgan Co., Mo. He resides at Stanberry, Missouri.

MELLIE ISADORA ; born Nov. 27, 1869, in Morgan Co., Mo. Married April 23, 1891, in Gallatin, Mo., to James Thomas Hiatt, who was born June 12, 1864, in Keithburg, Mercer Co., Ill. They have three children : Arthur Claud Hiatt ; born March 10, 1892, in Mound City, Mo. ; Gladys Hiatt, born Oct. 24, 1898, in Mound City ; and Grace Hiatt, born July 20, 1900, in Mound City. They reside at Mound City, Mo.

HANSON MURRAY ; born April 13, 1872, in Holt Co., Mo. Was married, Dec. 26, 1893, in Mound City, Mo., to Adda Maria Gildersleeve, who was born Aug. 9, 1877, in Monarch, McLean Co., Ill. Two children were born to them : Jessie Marie, born March 18, 1895, in Mound City, Mo., and died July, 1895, in Mound City ; Roy Maitland, born Sept. 28, 1900, in Maitland, Mo. They reside at Maitland, Mo.



Arthur Bronson Vandersloot,  
Stanberry, Mo.

ELMA ELIZA ; born Dec. 2, 1875, in Holt County, Mo. Married, April 10, 1901, at Oregon, Holt Co., Mo., by Rev. W. T. Maupin, to George Thomas Morton They reside at Mound City, Mo. Mr. Morton was born in Tennessee, Aug. 21, 1874, and was educated and raised in Kansas. Mrs. Morton has pronounced musical ability, a trait characteristic of many of the Vandersloot family.

3. MARY J. VANDERSLOOT ; born July 29, 1839, in Frederick Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and was baptized by Rev. William Heeley, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Schwenksville, Montgomery Co., Pa. She was wedded, April 5, 1855, to John M. Buzby, then of Philadelphia, but now residing in Baltimore, Md., and being nearly 74 years of age. They had no children. She died Oct. 26, 1895, at 6:14 p. m., aged 55 years, 2 months and 26 days, and is buried in Baltimore Cemetery. She was a loving wife, consistent Christian and highly esteemed.



Hanson Murray Vandersloot,  
Maitland, Mo.

6.

MAGDALENA CATHERINE ISABELLA VANDERSLOOT; born Feb. 8, 1812, at Germantown, Philadelphia; died April 22, 1832, in Davidsburg, York County, and lies buried at Holtzschwan Church, beside her husband, immediately adjoining the graves of her father and mother.

She married John Davis, of Davidsburg, Paradise Township. Had but one child, Rev. William Frederick Philip Davis, who was born in Paradise Township, Oct. 1, 1831. He prepared for college at York County Academy; graduated from Franklin and Marshall College; entered Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, and finished his course there in spring of 1863; was ordained at New Oxford in fall of 1863; entered upon the Abbottstown and New Oxford charge (Reformed), which he served until spring of 1872, when he accepted the charge made vacant by his grand-uncle, Rev. Charles Augustus Pauli, known as the Sinking Spring Charge, which he served until his death, at Reading, June 11, 1883, where he is buried in Charles Evans' Cemetery.

7.

WILHELMINA EMELIA VANDERSLOOT; born December 3, 1814, in New Goschenhoppen, Montgomery County, Pa., and was baptized the same year. She died Nov. 14, 1817, at New Goschenhoppen.

8.

GUSTAV ALBERT VANDERSLOOT; born June 15, 1816, at New Goschenhoppen, Montgomery Co., Pa.; baptized the same year; married Rebecca Stevens.

9.

CATHERINE WILHELMINA EMELIA VANDERSLOOT; born December 30, 1817, at New Goschenhoppen, Montgomery Co., Pa.; baptized January 22, 1818; died December 27, 1819. She was born about six weeks after the death of her sister, Wilhelmina Emelia, and was named after her.

10.

JOHN THEODORE VANDERSLOOT; born October 19, 1819, in Philadelphia. Disappeared. It is supposed he went to sea.

11.

EMMA ELIZABETH VANDERSLOOT; born in Philadelphia, February 18, 1822; died in Conewago Township, York Co., Pa., October 16, 1898; aged 76 years, 7 months and 28 days; and is buried at Quickel's Church, Conewago Township, York County.

On March 2, 1847, she was married to Henry Hake (born May 17, 1821) by Rev. Wm. Garman. Mr. Hake was organist at Quickel's Church for about twenty-five years. He died October 15, 1895.

To them were born three daughters:

1. CATHARINE ELIZABETH SALOME HAKE; born Sunday, Jan. 7, 1849. Baptized by her uncle, Rev. Frederick Wm. Vandersloot, May 3, 1849, her sponsors being Gustav Albert and



Maria Vandersloot. She was married, Nov. 24, 1868, by her uncle, Rev. Frederick Wm. Vandersloot, (who also baptized her), to Daniel S. Gross, of Conewago Township, York County. To this union three daughters were born, all of whom are living: EMMA ISABELLA, born Aug. 4, 1870; LAURA HAKE, born June 29, 1873, and ANNIE, born Feb. 21, 1887.

2. EMMA ISABELLA HAKE; born June 12, 1852. Was baptized by Rev. Daniel Ziegler Oct. 27, 1852. She died August 31, 1870, and is buried at Quickel's Church.

3. LOUISA HENRIETTA HAKE; born January 2, 1857, in Conewago Township, York County. Was baptized by her uncle, Rev. Frederick Wm. Vandersloot. Her parents were her sponsors. She was married, Jan. 15, 1878, by Rev. C. J. Deininger, to Frank Reeser. They reside very pleasantly at 410 W. Market St., York. To them two sons were born: ARTHUR HAKE, born Oct. 26, 1881, at Decatur, Macon Co., Ill.; and HENRY EARL, born May 21, 1891; died May 25, 1891, and is buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, York.

## 12.

A DAUGHTER; born September 12, 1824, in Rockingham Co., Va.; died September 15, 1824, and is buried at Stroehrer's Church, in said county, near New Market.

## 13.

HENRY PHILIP LEWIS VANDERSLOOT; born September 8, 1825; died May 11, 1871, at Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa.

When he was about twenty-one years of age, he is described as having black hair and being tall and slender. Little reliable information concerning him is now obtainable. He is said to have been well liked, being pleasant and possessing an agreeable disposition.

He was an auctioneer by occupation, and married Miss Angeline Schaeffer. No children.

Upon the next few pages are presented copies of some of the more important documents received from officials in Germany, together with certain abstracts from letters accompanying; also several ancestral records, etc., closely associated with the Vandersloot name.

(Translation.)

BARBY, 9 January, 1901.

To Mr. Lewis Vandersloot,  
Harrisburg.

Sir:

I herewith send you, very respectfully, the desired abstracts from the church record of this place. They contain everything that we have been able to find here.

The very laborious and time-consuming examination of old church records has been carried on by the sexton of our congregation, Mr. Gerstenhauer. As we do not have a definite fee for work of this sort, I would propose to you about \* \* \* M as a proper fee, from which the \$ \* \* \* already sent over would have to be deducted.

With the best wishes for the results of your investigations,

Very respectfully,

(Signed) RUMLAND,  
Rector.

(Translation.)

ABSTRACTS FROM THE CHURCH RECORD OF THE REFORMED  
CONGREGATION, BARBY. 1 to 8 and 10.

1. 1695 (date wanting), was proclaimed and united in marriage, Rev. Friedrich von der Sloom, (at one time Gentleman in Waiting to His Serene Highness, the Duke), and with him Miss Marie Judith Braune (\*), Lady of the Bed Chamber of the Prince of Sachsen Barby.
2. 1696, 21 September, was born, and baptized the 26th of the same month, a son: HEINRICH ALBERT; whose parents were: Mr. Friedrich von der Sloom and Marie Judith Braune.  
Godparents: His Highness, the Duke.  
Her Highness, the Duchess.  
His Highness, the Prince Friederich Heinrich.  
Heinrich Vomrath, the Court Chaplain.
3. 1698, 20 July, born, and on the 25th of the same month baptized, a son: JOHN LUDWIG; parents the same as in 1.  
Godparents: Mr. John Theodore Tablonski.  
Mr. John Heinrich Dreyer.  
Mrs. Catharine Louise Precoli, waiting woman.  
Mrs. Eleanore Regine Butte.
4. 1701, 25 May, born, and baptized 29th of the same month, a son: FRIEDRICH MARIUS; parents the same as in 1.  
Godparents: Mr. Gottfried Kretzschmar, Pastor at Oranientree.  
Mr. Wolfgang Erharett Pfau, Chancery Assessor.  
Miss Elizabeth Precoli.

\*The e in Braune is a German feminine ending, and, therefore, in the English, need not be added.



Church of St. Nikolai, Zerbst, Germany. As seen from the Fish Market.

(Courtesy of M. Reichmann, Zerbst.)

5. 1703, March (date wanting), was born and baptized (date wanting), a son: FRIEDRICH HEINRICH; parents same as in 1.

Godparents: Her Highness, the Duchess.

Miss Judith de Villeneuve.

Mr. John Jonas Meysel, Private Tutor to the Prince.

(This son matriculated as student in the Gymnasium Illustre, Zerbst, April 26, 1721. See copy of matriculation record with letter from Zerbst, dated Nov. 26, 1900.)

6. 1705, 21 February, was born, and baptized on the 25th of the same month, a daughter: LOUISE FRIEDERIKE MARIE; parents same as in 1.

Godparents: Mrs. Louise Friedrich, wife of Court official.

Mrs. Marie Catharine Reiche, wife of the Syndic in the Palatinate Colony, in Magdeburg.

Mr. Heinrich Siegel, Court Chaplain.

7. 1707, 30 September, born, and baptized 5 October, a son: AUGUST; parents as above.

Godparents: Mr. August Herrmann, in Dessau.

Mr. Daniel Merke, the Court Apothecary.

Miss Fansen, in Kothén.

Marie Elisabeth Siegel, wife of the Court Chaplain.

(This son matriculated as student in the Gymnasium Illustre, Zerbst, August 1, 1725. See copy of matriculation record with letter from Zerbst, dated Nov. 26, 1900.)



8. 1709, 21 October, was born after the father's death, and baptized the 23rd of the same month, a daughter: HENRIETTE ALBERTINE SOPHIE; parents same as in 1.

Godparents: His Serene Highness, the Duke.

His Highness, the Prince George Albert.

Her Highness, the Princess Henriette Marie of Saxony.

Mrs. Sophie Elisabeth Pfau, wife of the Councillor.

Mrs. Louise Friedrich, wife of Court official.

9. 1709, 17 October, was entombed, von Schlot, Valet of His Serene Highness, Duke Henry. (From the Church Record of St. Marien Church.)

10. 1716, 15 June, died and was buried the 17th of the same month, HENRIETTE ALBERTINE SOPHIE von der Slood, daughter of Mr. Friedrich von der Slood, in his life Valet to His Most Gracious Duke. She was born 21 October, 1709.

BARBY, 9 January, 1901.

(Signed) G. GERSTENHAUER,  
Custodian.

#### MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARBY.

I.—Nr. 43 M.

BARBY, 7 January, 1901.

Reply to the letter of 18 December, 1900.

In the "Material Acts" of this side concerning municipal administration, the name von der Schloth, or van der Slood does not occur. This is easily explained, since the acts here are of a more recent date and do not extend beyond the year 1815. The reason for this is that the earldom, Barby, and with it the City of Barby, in the year 1806, by treaty, was transferred from the electorate of Saxony to the newly-established Kingdom Westphalia. In the treaty it was stipulated that the Acts of Barby should remain in the possession of the Protectorate of Saxony and to that end might be removed from Barby. That has happened; nearly all the Acts of Barby have been transferred to Dresden; and, as much as concerns this place, has been incorporated there in the Royal-Saxon-State Archives. When the Kingdom of Westphalia disappeared and Barby came into the Kingdom of Prussia by the treaty of Vienna, a return of the Acts did not take place.

We assume, that, when in the year 1669, the Earls of Barby died out, and the Earldom of Barby fell by inheritance to the Dukedom of Saxony-Weisenfels and the Dukes of Saxony-Weisenfels removed their residence to this place (Barby), your forefathers came here too as Court Officials. From here we assume they sent their sons to the neighboring city of Zerbst to attend the gymnasium. If this supposition is correct, then possibly there is information to be had concerning your family in the Royal-Saxon-State Archives in Dresden; and we submit to your judgment whether it would not be well to apply there for further information.

The \$ \* \* \* sent over we have received; and we acknowledge the receipt with thanks, and inform you that we have turned the amount over to the Union located here, which has for its object the holding of Sedan-Children Festivities.

(Signed) ZAM  
FM.

To Lewis von der Slood,  
Harrisburg, Pa., U. S. A.

DRESDEN, May 18, 1901.

Sir :—

I do myself the honor to inform you most respectfully, in reply to yours of the 22nd of April, through the return of the enclosed that only one writing, of the year 1719, of the former government of this country has been found in the archives in my charge, of which an abstract copy accompanies this and in which a Hamburger merchant, Franz von der Slood, is mentioned. It is, therefore, not possible for me to impart to you more concerning your family, nor am I able to tell whether your name at the present time still occurs in Germany. \* \* \*

DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL-SAXON CAPITAL ARCHIVES

Harsel.

Lewis von der Slood,  
Harrisburg, U. S. A.

(Translation.)

Capital Archives, Dresden.

Division III. Genealogy: Slood.

MOST HIGH AND MIGHTY

KING AND ELECTOR.

To His

VENERABLE ROYAL MAJESTY AND ELECTORAL HIGHNESS, BE OUR MOST HUMBLE  
AND OBEDIENT SERVICES IN DUTIFUL LOYALTY AT ALL TIMES FIRST.

MOST GRACIOUS LORD.

May it please your Majesty, most graciously to allow me to ask why under your government various merchants at Leipzig, Oertel and Curtius also associates complain that John Dietrich Holtmeyur, who as a negotiator, authorized by the Hamburg merchant Franz von der Slood, according to his own confession, received credit from most merchants at Leipzig and took up merchandise thereon, etc., etc.

TO HIS VENERABLE ROYAL MAJESTY,

MOST HUMBLE AND OBEDIENT OFFICIAL FANZLER, VICE FANZLER AND COUNCIL.

(Signed) HEINRICH VON BUNAU.

DRESDEN, April 13, 1719.

ZERBST, 26 November, 1900

Very Respected Sir :

I presume you are long since in possession of the Reichman document concerning the St. Nikolai Church here, and of the postal card sent off at the same time, on which I gave you further information about your worthy family.

The affair has become somewhat more extended in time than I believed at first that it would, for the reason that the investigation among a large mass of ark-books was exceedingly consumptive of time and mostly without results; and I kindly ask pardon for the delay.

What I have been able to learn from the archive notices in the Ducal House and State Archives, where I am an assistant, and in the City Archives here, I am pleased to be able to send you on the enclosed sheet. From these notes it appears that your ancestors were residents in Barby, one of the cities situated in the Prussian Province Sachsen on the Elbe, about **three** hours west of Zerbst; and I advise you to address yourself to the Magistrate and Pastor there, who surely can give you further information. However, I will myself keep in view the matter from time to time and will not fail on occasion to let you know concerning any information I may get. If you desire information on any other point I shall at any time be glad to serve you.

\* \* \* \* With friendly respects, etc.,

DR. RICHARD SIEBERT,

Keeper of Town Archives and Assistant

Keeper of Ducal House and State Archives.

(Transcript of Records, furnished by Dr. Siebert, of Zerbst ; translated into English.)

Anno 1743, 30 April.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth baptized

Mr. Christoph Bartolomaus Reinsdorf, Citizen, Brewer and City Musician here. The child's name is Marlin. The godparents are, etc.

Anno 1743, 30 May.

Mr. Wosskolh baptized

Meister John Gottlieb Bahr, Citizen, Brewer and Saddler in the silver-street. The child's name is Wilhelmina Sophia ; the godparents are the Right Reverend and very learned Rev. Mr. Friederich von der Schloth, Mrs. Sophia Elizabeth Wisskolh, Mr. John Marlin Wisskolh, Archdeacon of the Church of St. Nicolai here, Miss Wilhelmina Sophia von Bollers, the lawful maiden daughter of Mr. Emmanuel Wilhelm von Bollers, Honorable Treasurer of the Council here.

Anno 1743, 14 June.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth baptized

Meister Andrew Pultz, Citizen and Clothmaker here. The child's name is John Friederich. The godparents being, etc.

Anno 1743, 2 July.

Rev. Mr. von der Schlot married

Meister John Friederich Rosenkrantz, Citizen, Brewer, Clothmaker and Garment Cutter at the Hohenholtz market.

Anno 1743, 20 August.

Rev. Mr. Wisskolh married

The Right Reverend and very learned Mr. Friederich Heinrich von der Schlots, pastor at the Church St. Nicolai here, the surviving and lawful son of the late Mr. Friederich von der Schloth, First Valet to His Serene Highness at Saxo-Barby, with Miss Wilhelmina Sophia von Boller, the lawful maiden daughter by his first marriage, of the Right Noble Mr. Emmanuel Wilhelm von Bollers (\*) Honorable Treasurer of the Council and Doctor of Medicine here.

Anno 1743, 3 September.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth married

Meister John Friederich Christoph Punge, Citizen, Brewer and Baker in the Breiten street, etc.

Anno 1744, 27 September.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth baptized

Mr. Friederich von der Schloth, Pastor Primario of the Church of St. Nicolai here. The child's name is Friederich Wilhelm. The godparents being the Right Honorable Emmanuel Wilhelm von Boller, the Right Worthy Council Chamberlain as well as Doctor of Medicine here ; the Right Reverend Heinrich Albert von der Schloth, Preacher Boxem in East Friesland, for therefor whom had stood (†) the very worthy Casper Gottfried Scheurer, Right Honorable Secretary of the Council Chamber here ; Mrs. Anna Sophia von der Schloth ( "in" in Schloth<sup>in</sup> is a German, feminine, ending), the lawful wife of a duly-installed regimental army surgeon in a worthy Royal Prussian Cavalry Regiment, for whom had stood Mrs. Sophia von Boller, the lawful wife of the Right Noble and Worthy Doctor von Boller.

\* Was married in 1728, and in the years 1730, '32, '34, '36, '38, '40, '42, '44, '46, '48, '50, '52, '54 and '56 ; and in 1760 married in Zerbst, and died January 21, 1769, at the age of 62 years and 3 months.

† " For whom had stood ; " meaning proxy ; representing the absent godparent.





Church of St. Nikolai, Zerbst, Germany. Interior View.

(Courtesy of M. Reichmann, Zerbst.)

Anno 1749, 8 December.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth baptized

finally (for the last) the child of Meister Andrew Bernhard Shulze, Citizen, Brewer and Cooper in Brother street.

Anno 1750, 10 February.

Rev. Mr. von der Schloth finally (for the last) married

Meister John Peter Friederich Heisingen, Citizen and Basket-maker here.

In the Catalogue of the Public Lectureroom of the year MDLXXXII of the Gymnasium Illustre (\*) of Zerbst are matriculated as students:

1721, 26 April, Fridericus Henricus von der Slooten, Barbyensis Saxo.

1723, 2 August, Augustus von der Slot, Barbyensis Saxo.

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\*The Gymnasium Illustre at Zerbst was an academy, a kind of University, which existed from 1582 to the end of the eighteenth century.

## THE PAULI ANCESTRY.

Permission was secured by the Author in 1900 from Wm. H. Eagle, M. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., (now deceased) to publish in this volume the following authentic and interesting genealogical record of the Pauli ancestors, as presented in his book entitled "Memorial of John Augustus Smull:"

The family of Pauli is an ancient one. The first of the name of whom we have any record is that of Hans Pauli who was burgess of Schwerin about the middle of the sixteenth century. His son, Simon Pauli, (2) was professor of theology and superintendent at Rostock, in Mecklenburg, in 1570, while in successive generations we have Henry Pauli, (3) of Rostock, physician and first public teacher of medicine at Rostock; Simon Pauli, (4) a noted physician of Rostock, who married Elizabeth Fabricius, daughter of the eminent Jacob Fabricius, physician of Rostock; Oliger Pauli, (5) a noted man in his day; Philip Pauli, (6) physician to Christian VII, of Denmark; Rev. Ernst Ludwig Pauli, (7) an eminent divine of Magdeburg, Prussia, and a graduate of the University of Halle; Rev. Philip Reinhold Pauli, (8) a native of Magdeburg, Prussia, who emigrated to America in 1783, and died at Reading in 1815.

Rev. Philip Reinhold Pauli, b. June 22, 1743, at Magdeburg, Prussia; d. January 27, 1815, at Reading, Penna. He married, at Easton, Pa., February 14, 1784, Anna Elizabeth Musch, daughter of John and Catharine Musch, of Easton, where she was born October 4, 1762; d. Nov. 12, 1839, at Reading. They had issue:

- i. Catherine (Deiser), b. Dec. 26, 1784; m. Rev. Frederick William Vandersloot; d. January 30, 1851, aged 66 years, 1 month and 3 days.
- ii. Lewis, b. August 10, 1786; d. s. p.
- iii. Philip, b. August 31, 1788; d. June 15, 1836.
- iv. Rev. William, b. October 20, 1790; m. Anna Maria Witman; d. May 20, 1854. (\*)
- v. John, b. March 9, 1792; d. December 22, 1813.
- vi. Harriet, b. September 14, 1794; m. John Smull; d. January 1, 1873.
- vii. Lewis Jacoby; b. October 14, 1796; m. Sarah Schoenfelder; d. January 3, 1862.
- viii. Caroline Louisa; b. September 14, 1798; d. s. p.
- ix. Anna Elizabeth; b. July 23, 1800; d. s. p.
- x. Rev. Charles Augustus; b. April 12, 1804; m. Mary L. Davies. (\*)

## JEW OR GENTILE.

Some speculation and discussion have been indulged in of late years, to the author's knowledge, as to the matter of Rev. P. R. Pauli being of Jewish descent. It is not known how this question arose, but it is believed that the following will decide the matter conclusively:

CENTRE AVENUE, READING, PA., January 4, 1901.

Mr. Lewis Vandersloot.

In response to your inquiry, I will state positively, that neither Rev. Philip Reinhold Pauli, nor his wife, were Jews; and, in fact, neither of them had any trace of Jewish blood in their veins.

(Signed) MRS. CHARLES RICK,  
Grand-daughter of Rev. Pauli.

\* These two sons, William and Charles Augustus Pauli, were German Reformed ministers.

## THE WITMAN GENEALOGY.

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Michael Witman<br>married<br>Miss Catharine Krider  | ) | They came from Reading, Pa., to southern York Co., settling in Chanceford Twp., near Brogueville and engaged in agriculture. |
| Jacob Witman<br>married<br>Miss Eva Beltzhoover,<br>of Cumberland<br>Co., Pa.               | ) | After the death of Jacob Witman, his widow married John Kuisely, unto whom was born one daughter, Mrs. John Emig, of York.   |
| Lydia,<br>Catharine,<br>Jane,<br>Rebecca,<br>Mary Ann<br>married<br>Rev. F. W. Vandersloot. | ) | twins.   |
|   | ) | A daughter, who died young.  |

AMANDA (dead); married Albert Wagner Elliot (dead). (See page 31).

FREDERICK WILLIAM, M. D. (living); married Sarah G. G. Fife (dead). (See page 31).

JOHN JACOB (living); married Leonora V. Jaeger (dead). (See page 35).

MARY ANN (living); single. (See page 36).

CATHERINE ISABELLA (living); married Henry C. Smyser (living). (See page 37).

ALBERT BENJAMIN (dead); was single. (See page 37).

EDWARD MILTON (living); married Mary Wallace (living). (See page 37.)

## THE FIFE GENEALOGY.

James Fife and his wife, Grazelle, came to this country, from Ireland, about the year 1700, and located at Hagerstown, Md. Both were over ninety years of age when they died. It is said by their grand children that they left vast landed estates in southern Ireland. They took up about 200 acres of land in the lower end of Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pa. There they lived and there were born to them six children :

1. ROBERT ; intermarried with Susanna Koller, by whom he had three children :

MARY JANE ; born in Shrewsbury ; married Dr. James H. Moody. To this union one child, James H. Moody, was born. He resides at Glen Rock, York Co., Pa. The father died soon after the marriage.

ELIZABETH ; born Jan. 26, 1826, at Shrewsbury ; died Jan. 21, 1901, at Freeport, Ill. Her husband's name was Joseph Edward Brown, and they resided for many years in Freeport. He died Dec. 6, 1874. Husband and wife are buried at Freeport. Children : Sarah, Robert, Charles, Harry, Susie, William, Frank, Nellie, Edward and Mabel.

SARAH GREEN GRAZELLE ; born Feb. 21, 1838, at Shrewsbury ; died Feb. 13, 1898, at York, Pa. (See pages 31 and 32).

2. GEORGE ; intermarried with Mary Hedrick, by whom he had six children : Noah, Eliza, Jacob, William (born March 8, 1827, and resides at 607 S. Queen St., York, Pa.), and two children who died before the last named (William) was born, and whose names he never knew.

3. JOHN ; intermarried with Elizabeth Hyson, by whom he had eight children : Jacob, Annie, Eliza, Rebecca, Grazelle, Sarah, Susanna and Samuel.

4. JAMES ; who married and had several children ; but the two sons, William and John, are the only names known.

5. REBECCA ; who married Jeremiah Low ; both lived and died in Fawn Township, York Co., Pa. They had issue : Reason, Martin, Harriet, Rufus, Eunice, Obed, Jestis (boy) and Festis (boy).

6. ELIZABETH ; remained single.



## In Memoriam



**Mrs. Sarah Green Grazele (Fife) Vandersloot,**

wife of Dr. F. W. Vandersloot, and daughter of Robert and Susanna Fife, was born February 21st, 1838, at Shrewsburg, York County, Pa., and died of apoplexy at her home in York, Pa. Sunday morning, February 13th, 1898, aged 59 years, 11 months and 22 days; and is buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, at York.

She was the mother of four sons and one daughter, who survive her.

The funeral services were held at her own home, conducted by Rev. J. D. Dunkerly and Rev. A. M. Barnitz, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Dr. G. W. Enders, of Christ Lutheran Church, of York.

The death of Mrs. Vandersloot brought grief to a large circle of her friends. She was a lady richly endowed with many rare and lovely traits of character. Her Christian life was one of great beauty, and her many acts of kindness a benediction to such as will ever revere her memory. Although modest and retiring in her disposition, her "gentleness made her great."

Her great and absorbing interest in her home for her family and her love for the Church of God was peculiarly manifest, and her presence in the congregation an inspiration to her pastor.

In Greenmount Cemetery, a monument erected over the grave of a sainted mother has this inscription on its tablet: "Heaven hath one angel more." Christ said, "They die no more, but are equal to the angels." This may be truthfully said of our dear sister, "Heaven hath one angel more."

REV. A. M. BARNITZ.

On August 17, 1901, it was the privilege of the author to visit Goschenhoppen Church, and its cemetery adjoining, in Montgomery County, where is said to have been buried in 1803 the remains of Rev. Philipp Wilhelm Friedrich van der Slood, the first of our ancestors to come to America.

Meditating upon the strange scenes, so closely associated in years past with his life's work, I allowed my fancy and imagination to run for a while unrestrained; and here record something of my thoughts, feelings and impressions which possessed me while at this place, in search of my great, great grandfather's grave.

### THE UNMARKED GRAVE.

In seventeen eighty—long ago —  
 Mine ancient sire, on mission bent  
 The love of God to others show,  
 From far-off Germany was sent.

A classic scholar—learned was he—  
 Since in the records from Berlin,  
 "Professor of Philology"  
 We see was there applied to him.

Northampton county's folks he found —  
 Into Penn's land he gladly went—  
 'Twas here his labors first abound,  
 And these pursued with diligence.



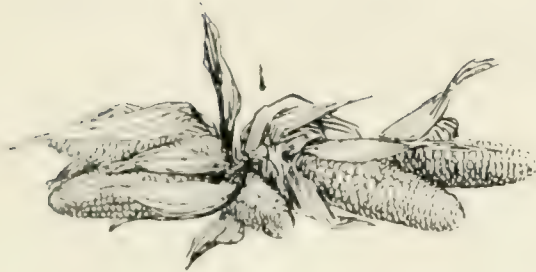
For one and twenty years or more,  
 His Master's vineyard this became ;  
 And here his hearers he implored  
 Acceptance of the truths proclaimed.

Montgomery county, in this State,  
 Also became his mission field.  
 In fights with sin, for man's own sake,  
 God's word became his strength and shield.

From home am I, 'mid scenes anew ;  
 This August morn, with patient tread,  
 A weary pilgrimage pursue  
 Toward the city of the Dead.

'Tis not a funeral, you can see,  
 That calls me here to-day,  
 But one in eighteen hundred three  
 My tribute now I pay.

Up from the lowlands, rising higher,  
Increasing beauties I behold ;  
Now I see the old church spire—  
Silent sentinel as of old.



Fields of corn, with fruitage blessed,  
My pathway greet from first to last,  
Give assurance of rich harvest  
When the summer days are past.

Sturdy oak ! thou grand, sublime  
Monarch on this country way ;  
Trav'lers far—from other climes—  
Oft have rested 'neath thy shade.

In thy boughs, at dizzy height,  
Safe, secure in thine embrace,  
Birds of swift and cautious flight  
Find in thee a resting place.

What queer scenes and fancies, visions,  
Are these that now my mind possess ?  
They can be but dreams or notions ;  
Fallacies they be at best.

But these musings, clinging steadfast,  
Now absorb my every thought,  
Since of scenes, in years long past,  
To my vision would be brought.

See old Time, far over yonder,  
Crowned with years, yet young and bold ;  
Ready for the signal—thunder !  
Backward his dark curtains roll.

Fire and thunder ! grand alliance ;  
Echoes loud and long, indeed ;  
Heaven's ordnance hurls defiance,  
Winged on lightning's charging steeds.



“ Cease this tumult ! ”—scene heraldic—  
Came the words from dame old Time ;  
Suddenly, as if by magic,  
Quiet reigns, 'mid scenes sublime.



"Turn back the scrolls of time," he said,  
 "An hundred years, plus ten and seven  
 And witness scenes long since enacted  
 By godly men who've passed to heaven.

"Observant be, and noting well,  
 Whate'er of good or ill impressed ;  
 That thou may'st same to others tell  
 Of works of such who now do rest."



"Along these roads, yes, years ago ;  
 Now this believe, I thee beseech ;  
 Thine fathers went through mud and snow,  
 The gospel message here to preach."

"In yonder church, on Sabbath days,  
 The folks to whom your fathers preached  
 Therein did meet to worship, pray,  
 And listen as your fathers teach."

"Behind the desk from which they taught,  
 Used by father and by son,  
 Came words with admonition fraught  
 And hope of Life for everyone."

"The truth with faith they did impart ;  
 The word of God divine they fed,  
 And to the anxious, waiting hearts  
 It was the spiritual bread."

"Throughout the year, in days of yore,  
 Thine fathers, youth, in there did speak ;  
 Their days, their strength, their lives,  
 their all,  
 Present they at the mercy seat."





"Still other scenes, and pictures true,  
I beg to here present,  
And hope my musings may to you,  
Be as of sweet incense."

"In witness of the spirit's power,  
Sweet songs to Him they raised,  
And joyfully they spent the hours  
In worship and in praise."

"Their notes, in tongue not thine,  
In sweetest harmony did blend—  
'Tis not the accent nor the time  
The Master's blessing to attend."

"The folks who then did worship here,  
Long since have passed away,  
And many whom your fathers cheered  
Repose in yonder graves."

"Their sons and daughters, too, my son,  
Along their parents' footprints trod,  
Until the call 'Thy work is done';  
'They here too rest beneath the sod."

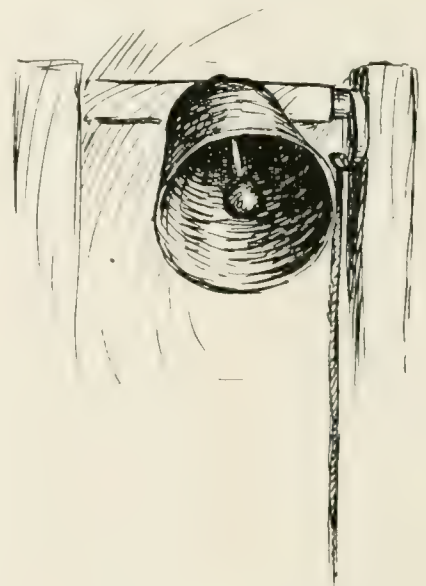


"'Tis great the changes I have wrought  
In six score years, but lacking three;  
In retrospect I turn my thought,  
And say, in silence, Can it be?"

"From east to west, and round about,  
At every season of the year,  
The old church bell still sends out  
An invitation full of cheer."

"Peals of welcome, welcome, welcome,  
Frequent on many ears have fell;  
The rich and poor, the old and young,  
Delight to hear the old church bell."

"Son, to heart now take these lessons;  
Thine must needs be on the go  
May these yon ours prove a blessing  
To thine kin on earth below."



Besides the church—a quiet place—  
 Along its streets, before my face,  
 I view its homes, with markers placed.  
 In silence, and with bowed head,  
 Involuntarily I am led  
 Around this city of the Dead.



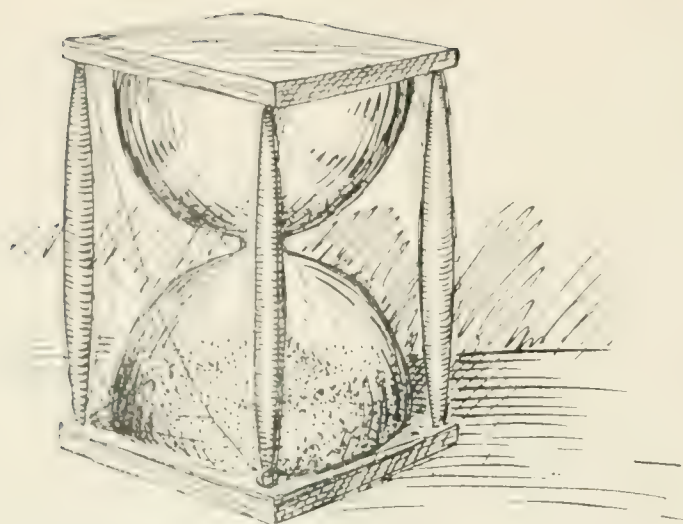
No weary vigils need they keep ;  
 Their day of labor is complete ;  
 Until the end of time they sleep.  
 No need of sentries 'round their graves ;  
 Their freedom is that of slaves ;  
 And at the head we read their names.



Within grim walls, with mother clay,  
 Hundreds here in quiet lay,  
 Awaiting now the judgment day  
 Those just and true do here abide,  
 Also the bad, with sinful pride ;  
 Alike they sleep side by side.

Some older folks whom I did see,  
 Who worshiped here for many years,  
 Convinced were they and did agree—  
 Mine ancient sire is buried here.





Almost a century has passed,  
Since here there met, 'neath heaven's dome,  
Friends, whose hands in life he grasped,  
Tenderly consigned him to the tomb.

Days and nights, with chilling weather ;  
Whitening frost, and rain and sleet,  
Frequent visits paid together—  
Destruction's work they make complete.

Stones and markers, gray and old,  
Erect or leaning, high and low,  
Each its own sad story told ;  
The wear of Time we now behold.

In vain I read inscription, verse,  
On tablets here and there,  
And vainly still pursue my search,  
Which ends in dire despair.

With parting look around about,  
I go my homeward way,  
Convinced in mind, as well as heart.  
His is an UNMARKED GRAVE.



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(9) Catherine Wilhelmina Emelia V.\*

(10) John Theodore V.\*

(11) Emma Elizabeth V.\*

(12) A daughter, 3 days old.\*

(13) Henry Philip Lewis V.\*

{ Catharine Eliz. Salome Hake.  
Emma Isabella Hake.\*  
Louisa Henrietta Hake.

{ Emma Isabella Gross.  
Laura Hake "  
Annie "

{ Arthur Hake Reeser.  
Henry Earl\* "

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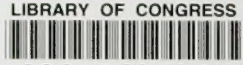


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